

# Modeling 3D Scenes

Paradigm Shifts in Photogrammetry,  
Remote Sensing and Computer Vision

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# Paradigm

1962: "...a constellation of concepts, values,  
perceptions and practices  
shared by a community  
which forms a particular vision of reality  
that is the basis of the way  
a community organises itself."

# Contents of Talk

Progress in digital frame cameras

- the basic tool

Computer vision

- success stories in 3D object modeling

A few words on laser range finders

- new opportunities for 3D scene modeling

Photogrammetry and remote sensing

- from digital frame cameras to line cameras

Panoramic imaging

- by applying line cameras

Unified applications of new technologies

- example: LRF and line camera for 3D modeling

Conclusions

# Properties of Interest

## 3D scene properties

Distances between camera and objects in the scene

Color textures of object surfaces

## Changes in 3D scenes

Varying lighting conditions, weather, etc.

Coping with dynamic scenes

## Calibration

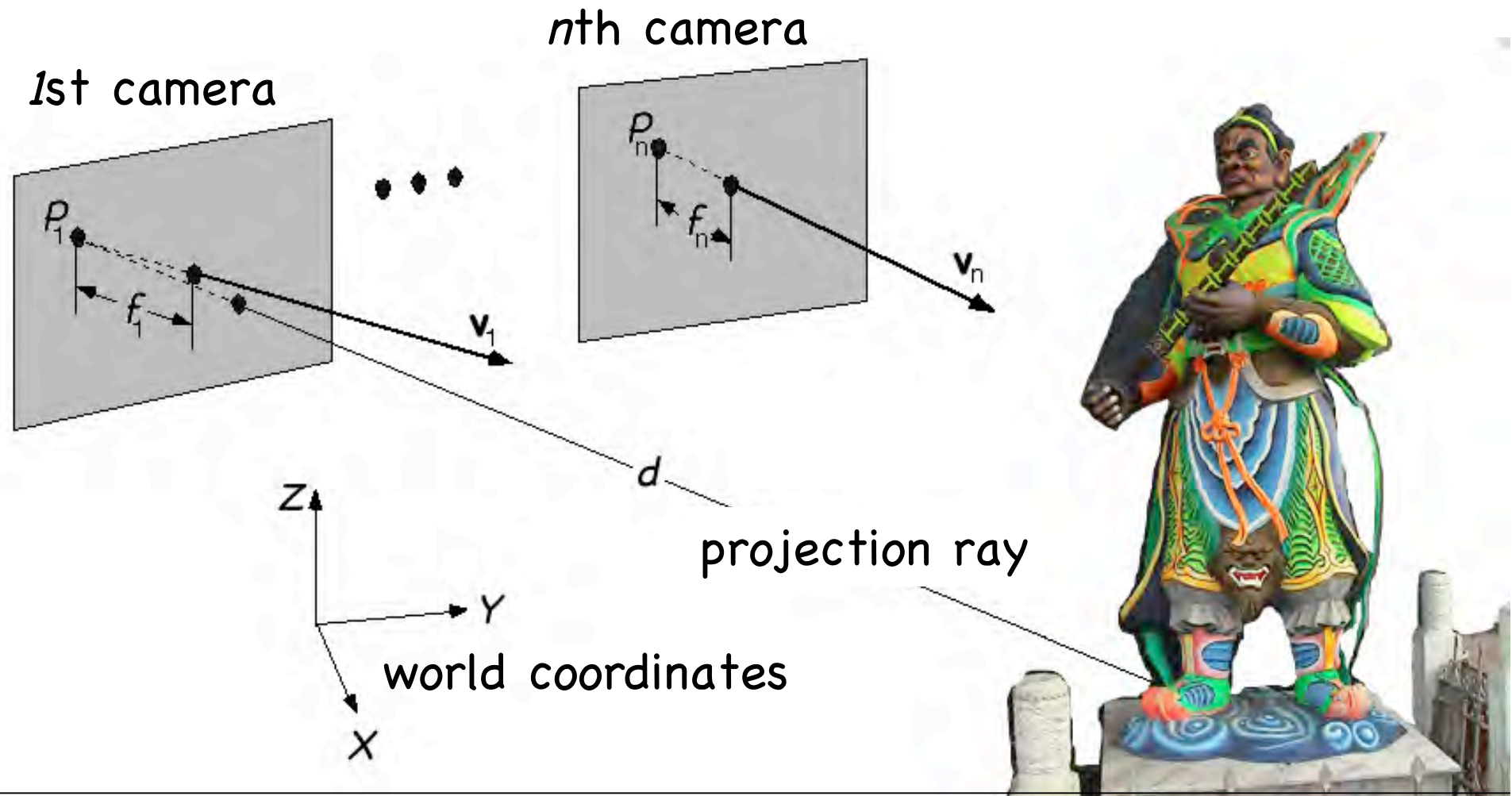
Positions of cameras or used sensors (tools)

Viewing directions of cameras or sensors

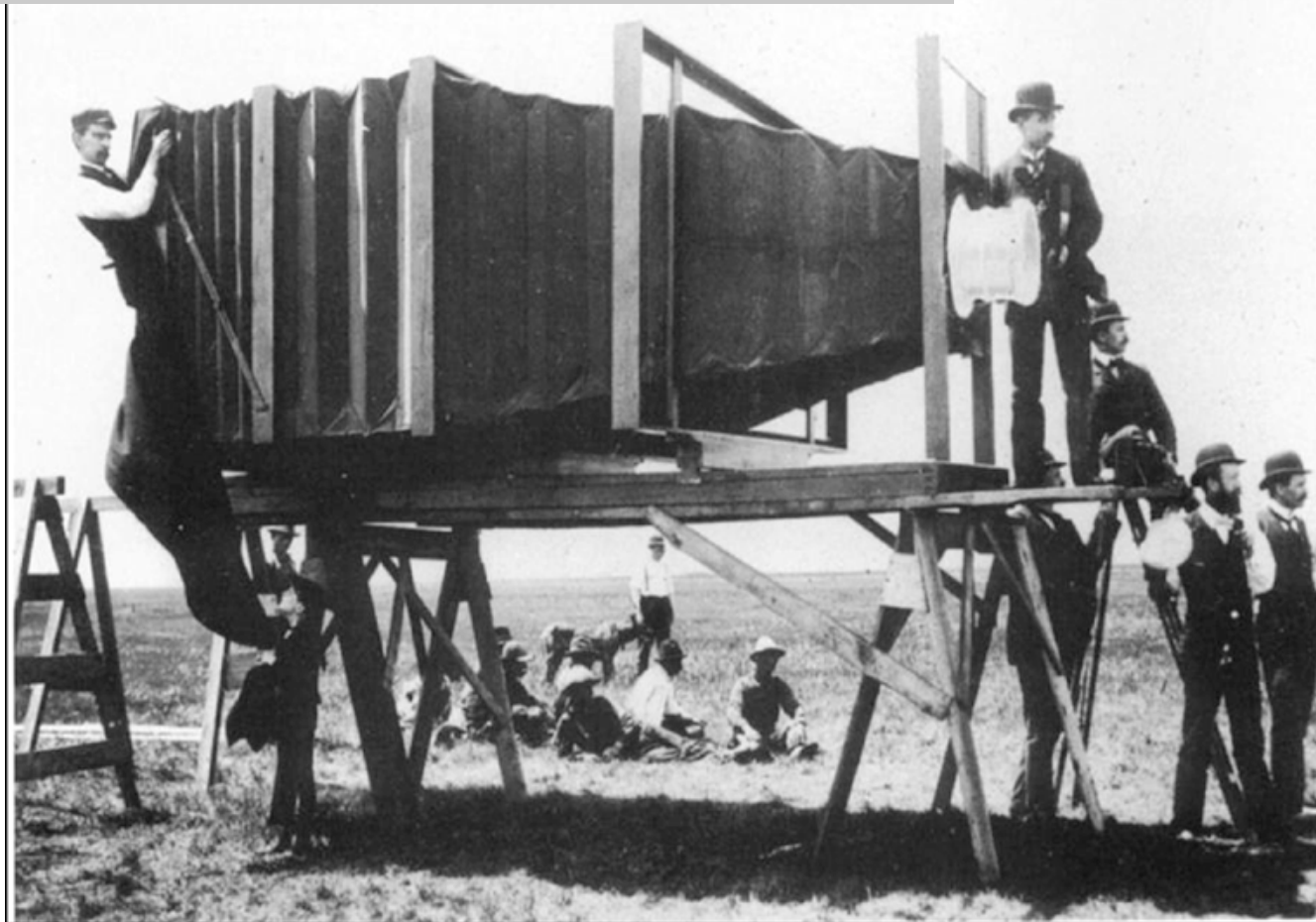
Inner camera parameters

$n \geq 1$  pinhole cameras

# (Still) the Common Default



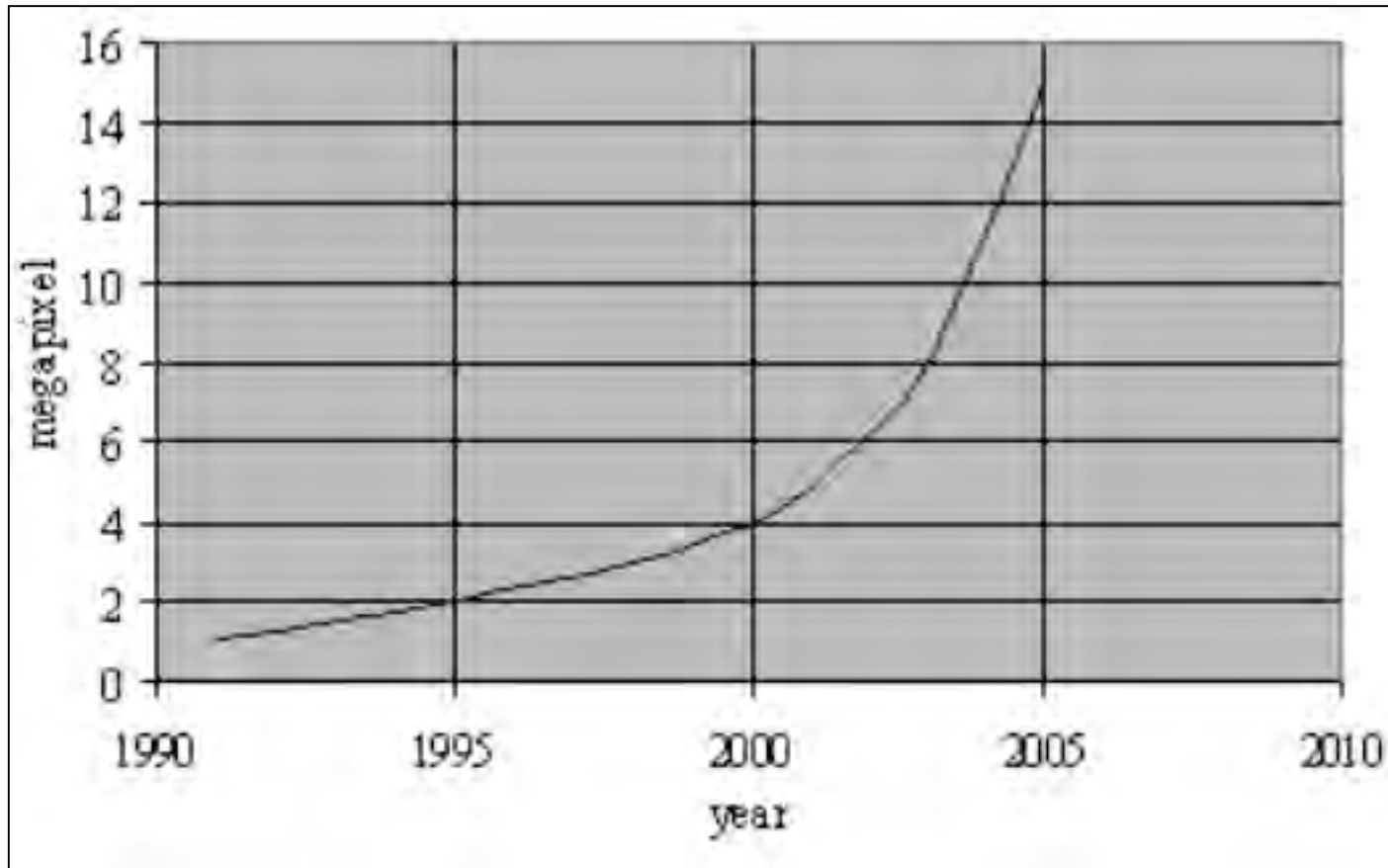
it started with  $n = 1$



1900: The railroad camera of George R. Lawrence

# Digital Camera Technology

- 1951: video tape recorder for capturing live images
- 1960: NASA space probes send digital images  
(e.g., from the moon)  
NASA uses computers to enhance these images
- 1960: digital images used for spy satellites  
and reconnaissance cameras
- 1972: patent for a film-less e-camera (Texas Instruments)
- 1981: commercial e-camera (still images, Sony Mavica)
- 1986: one-megapixel sensor (Kodak)
- 1990: photo CD (Kodak)
- 1991: digital camera for professional photographers (Kodak)



**2005: resolution of small- or medium-format digital cameras**



## End of 2004: **CCD matrices**

Manufacturer	Model	Array	Photopixel
Kodak	KAF-16802CE	4k x 4k	16 Mpixel
Kodak	KAF-11000M	4k x 5.4k	22 Mpixel*
DALSA	FTF5066	5k x 6.6k	34 Mpixel
Philips/DALSA	FTF7040	7k x 4k	28 Mpixel
Fairchild	CCD595	9.2k x 9.2k	85 Mpixel

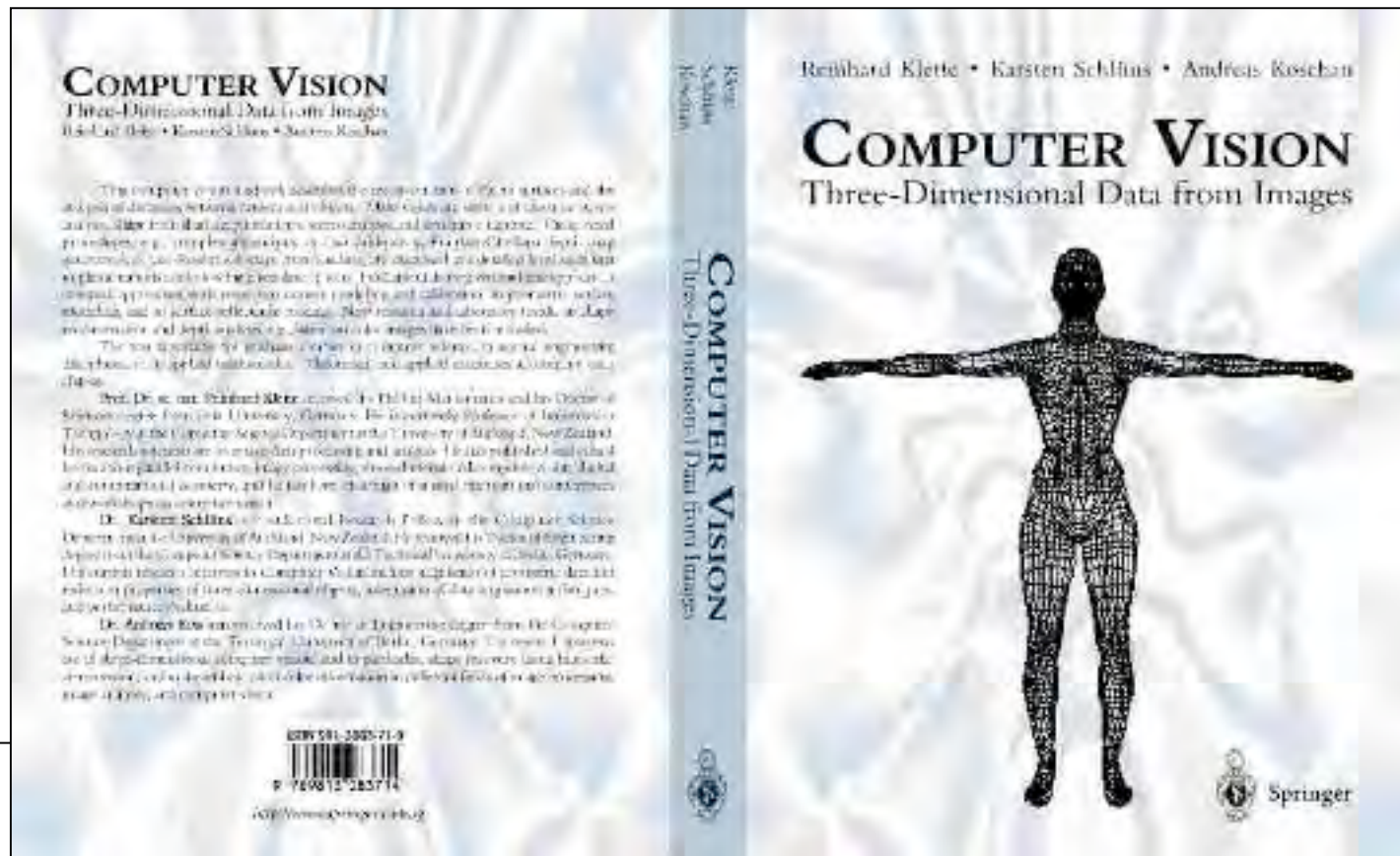
\* Used in digital backs from Phase One, Leaf America, ...

# Trends

- High resolution matrices (> 100 MPixel) might be available in a few years from now
- **early 2004:** Commercial high resolution photo systems in a price range of up to €10k had 6 to 16 MPixel matrices (e.g., Kodak DCS Pro 14n and Cannon EOS-1Ds)
- „Killer applications“ call for high-quality systems with more than 16 MPixel
  - airborne photogrammetry (remote sensing)  
(e.g., systems Z/I DMC, Vexcel UltraCam, and Applanix/Emerge DSS)
  - medical applications
  - terrestrial photogrammetry (e.g., architecture, art)

# Computer Vision

use cameras (and other sensors or tools) for modeling (and understanding) the 3D world  
Example: 2.5D or 3D shape recovery



# Photometric Stereo

Input: three pictures of a static object  
same camera, but different light sources



Task: calculate 3D shape of object  
calculate surface albedo (e.g., for MPEG 4)



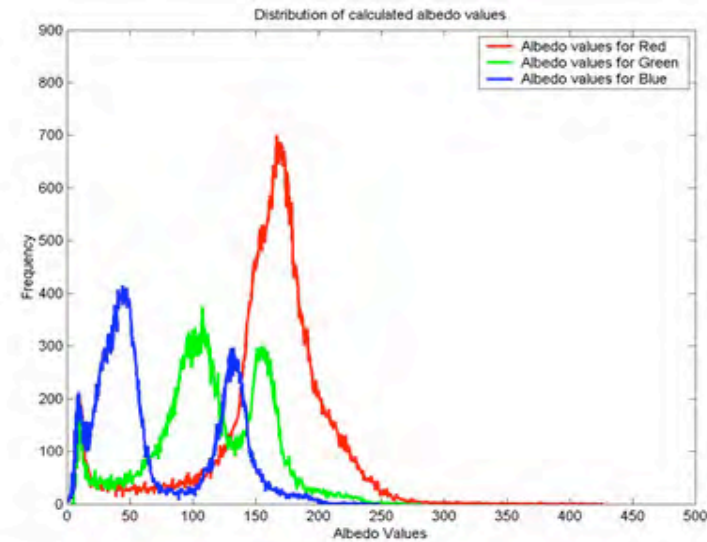
method:  
albedo-independent  
3-source  
photometric stereo

1996: Klette, Koschan, Schlüns

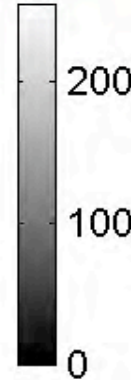
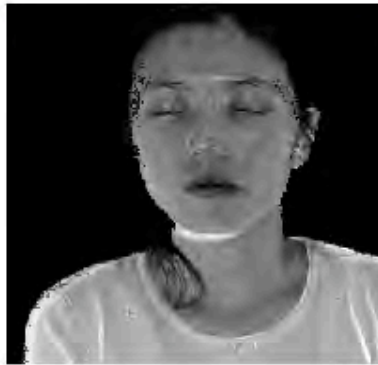
applications to face  
modeling

1999: Chia-Yen Chen

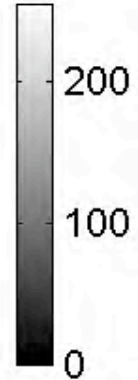
## 2002: Distribution of calculated albedo values



Red



Green

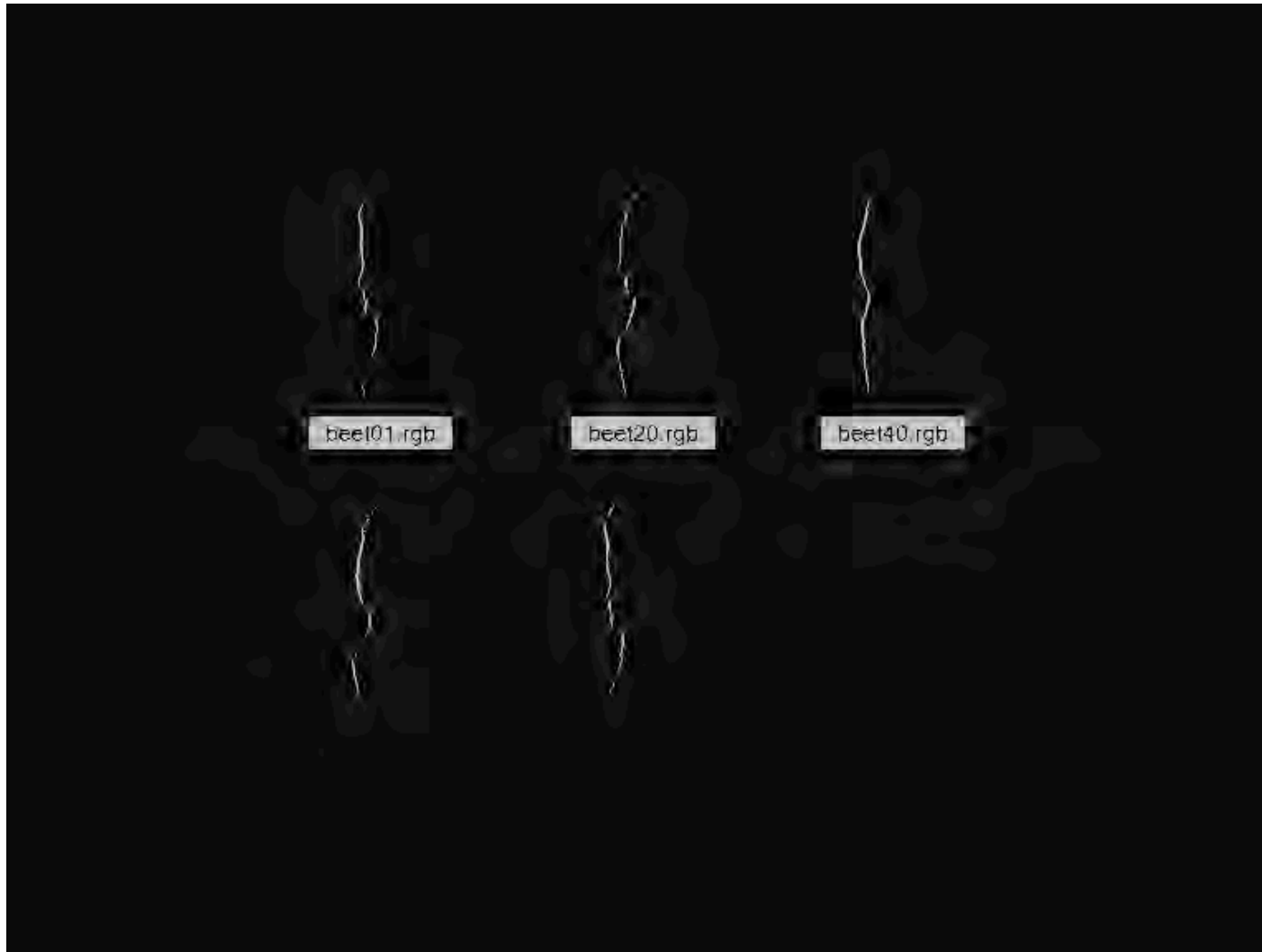


Blue

# 1997: shape from silhouettes



# 1997: light plane projection (structured lighting)





# Structure from Motion

Step 1: single stereo pair of images at two uncalibrated positions of camera





Step 2: corresponding points



Step 3: fundamental matrix

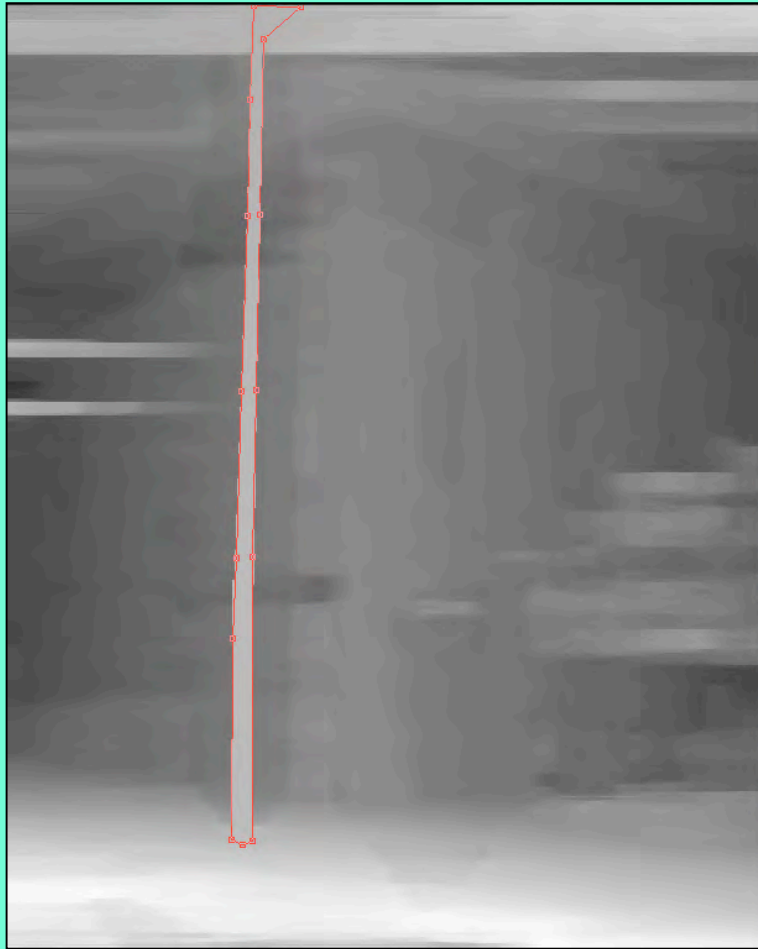
Step 4: standard geometry

Step 5: digital surface model  
(DSM)



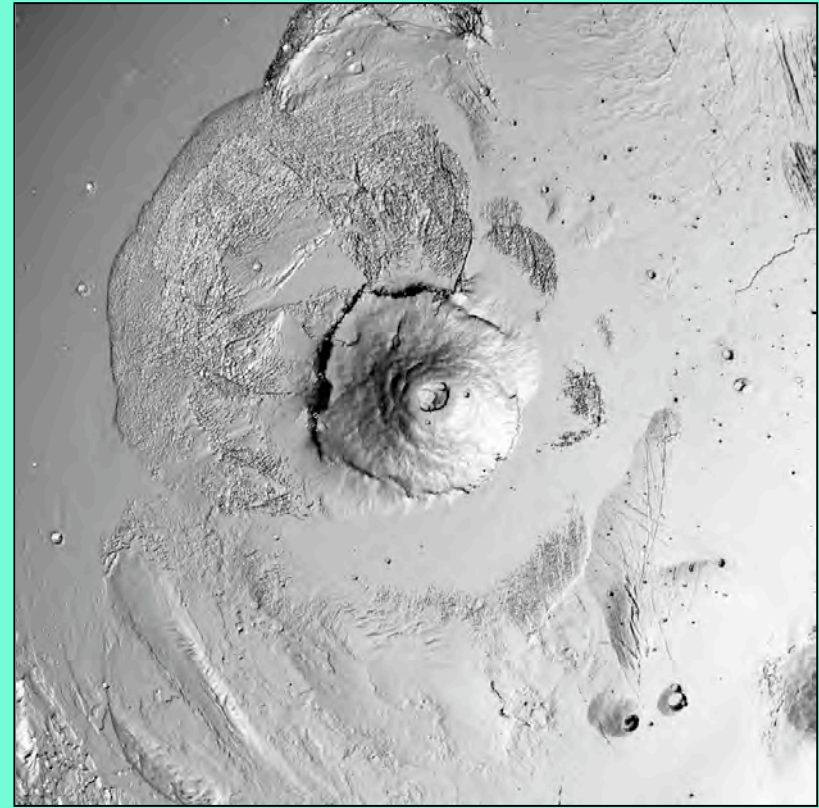
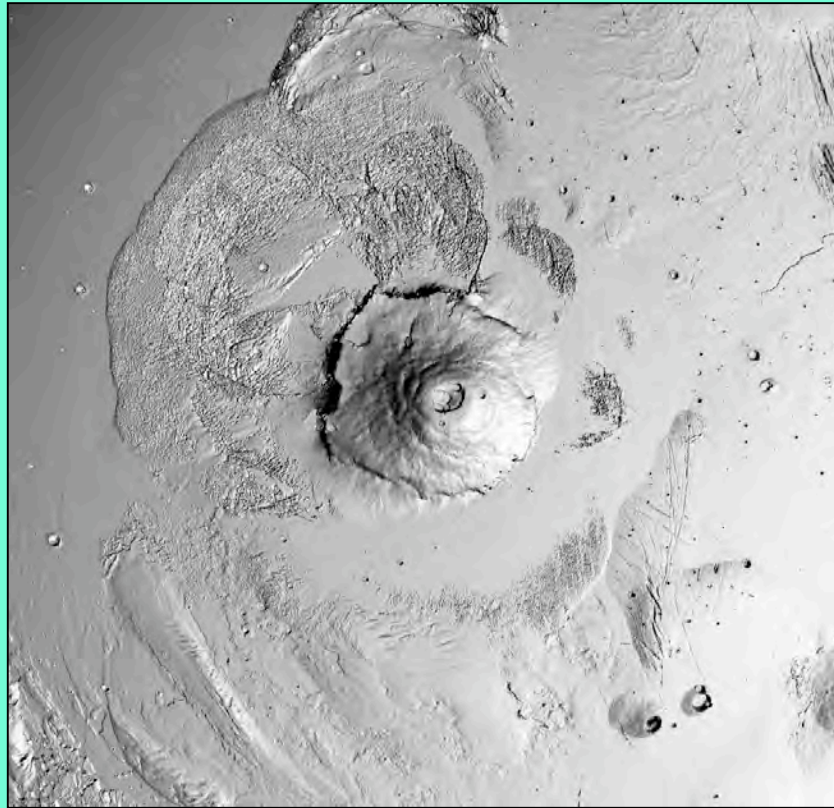
Step 6: 3D editing

Step 7: triangulation, masking, saving of individual objects



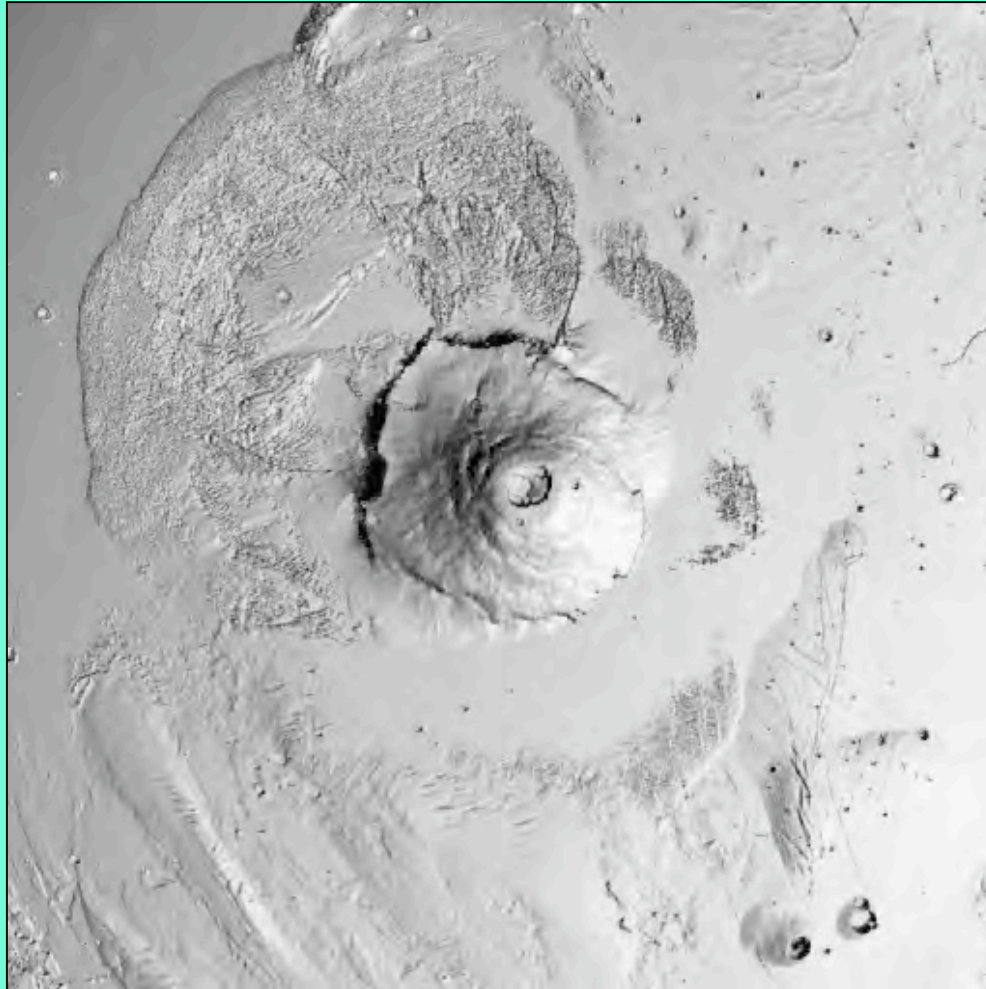


2004: animation "CITR building"  
created from 2 images (and no further info)



## 2003: Mons Olympus on Mars

2 images taken during the descent of the probe  
at slightly different elevations

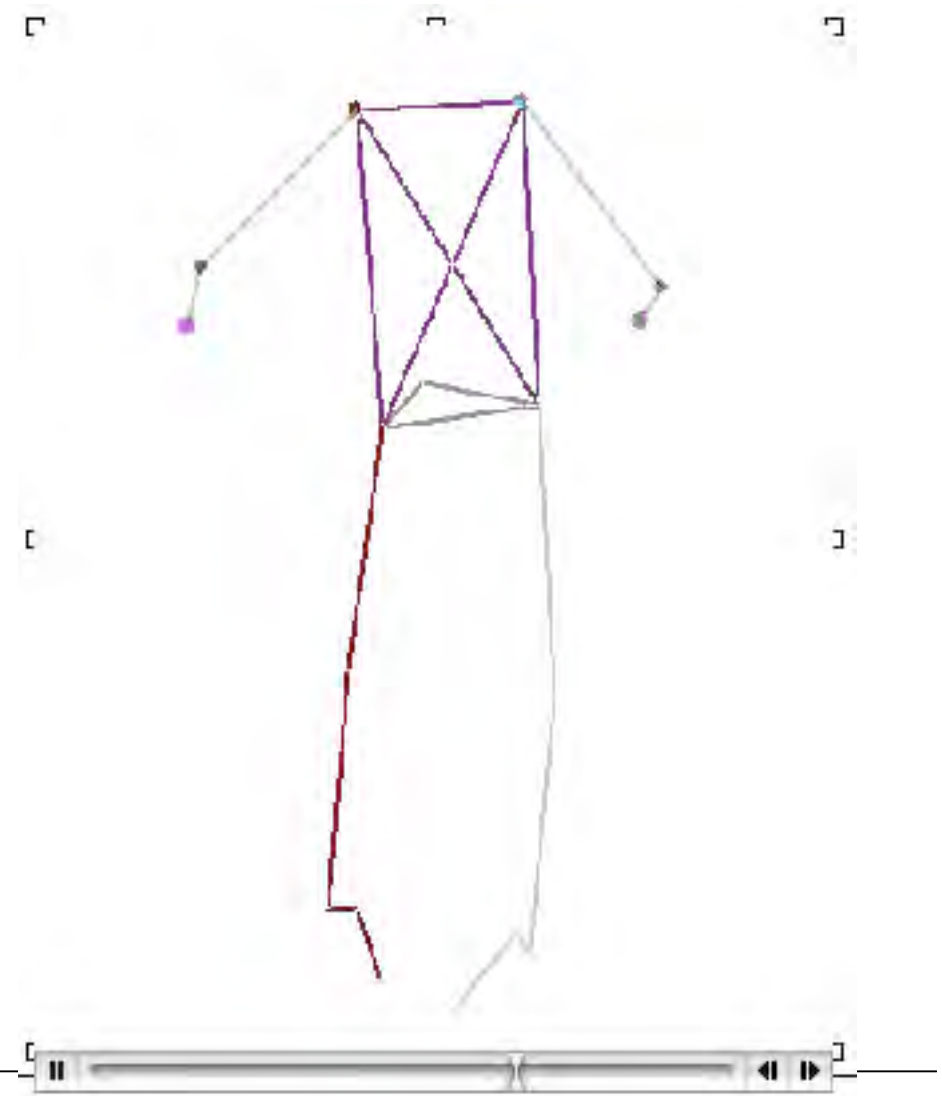


2004: animation "Flight around Mons Olympus"  
created from these 2 images (and no further info)

# Modeling of Dynamic 3D Objects

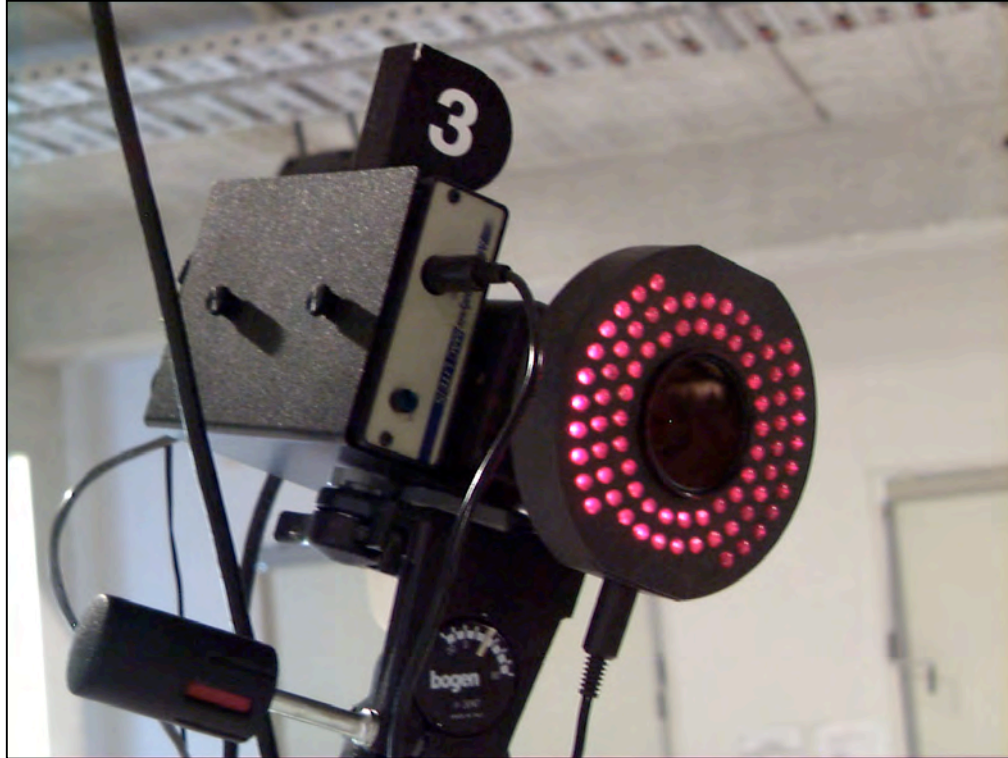


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2000: UoA, Sports Sciences

## Fast Cameras and Strobe Lighting



**2000:** strobe lights around the optics are used to intensify the visibility of special light-reflective markers

cameras and strobes are capable of capturing images at 240 Hz.

Strobe light = light that flashes to a predetermined frequency  
Here: red strobe light flashes at the shutter speed of the cameras (60, 120, or 240 Hz), strobe lights of all cameras are synchronized

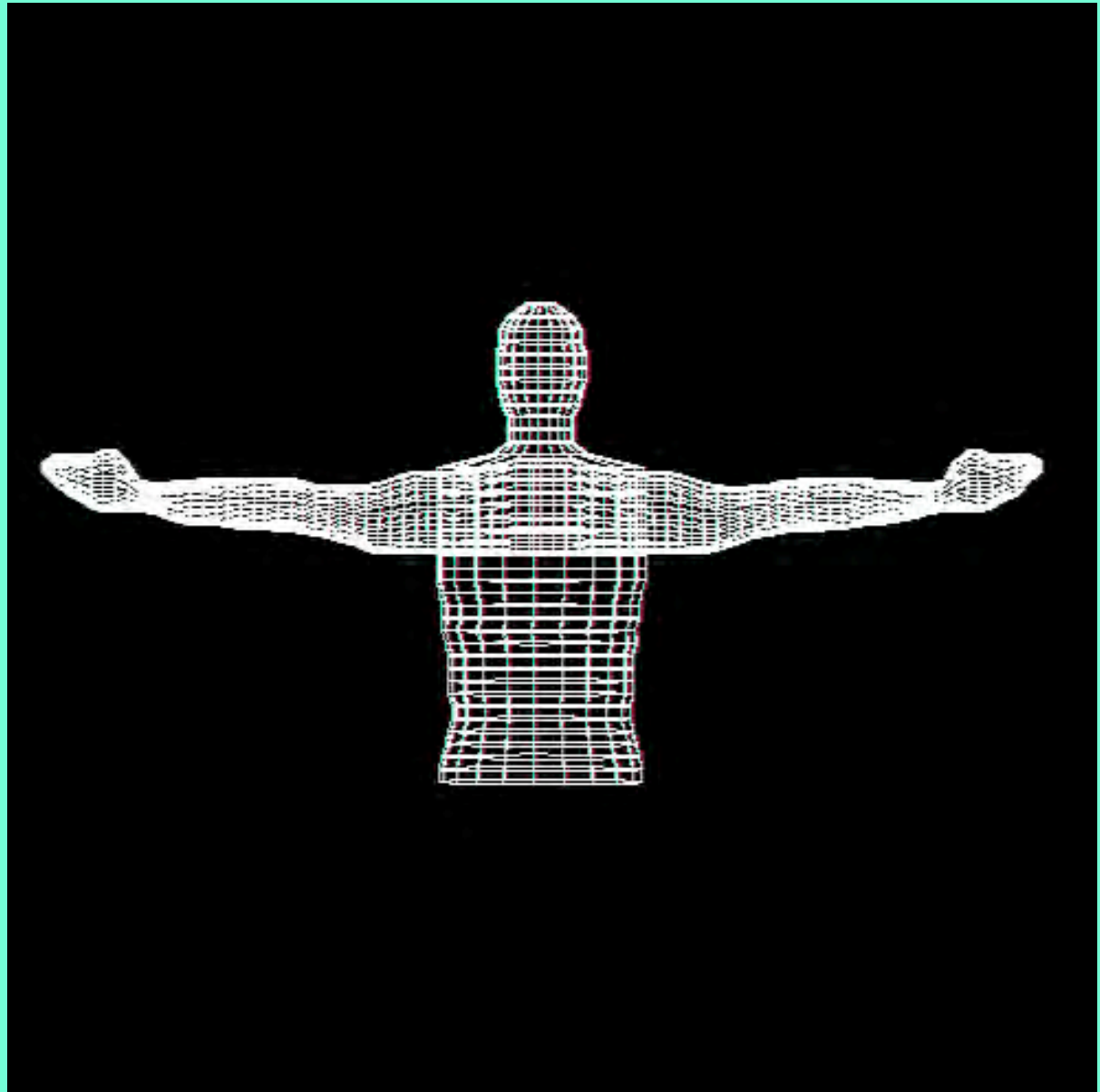


2004:

# Pose Recognition

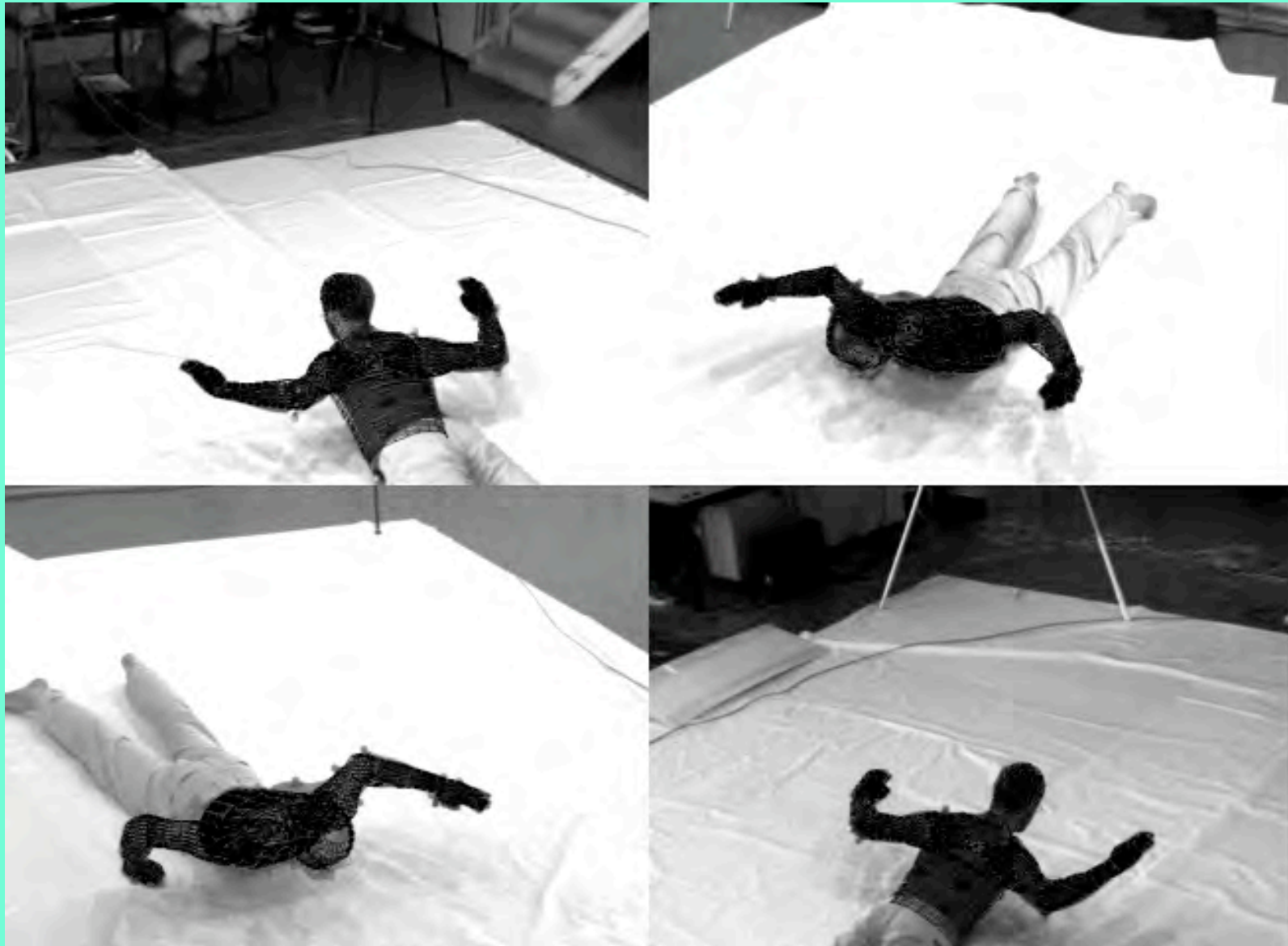
- marker less
- no strobes
- fast cameras

generic model of  
human body

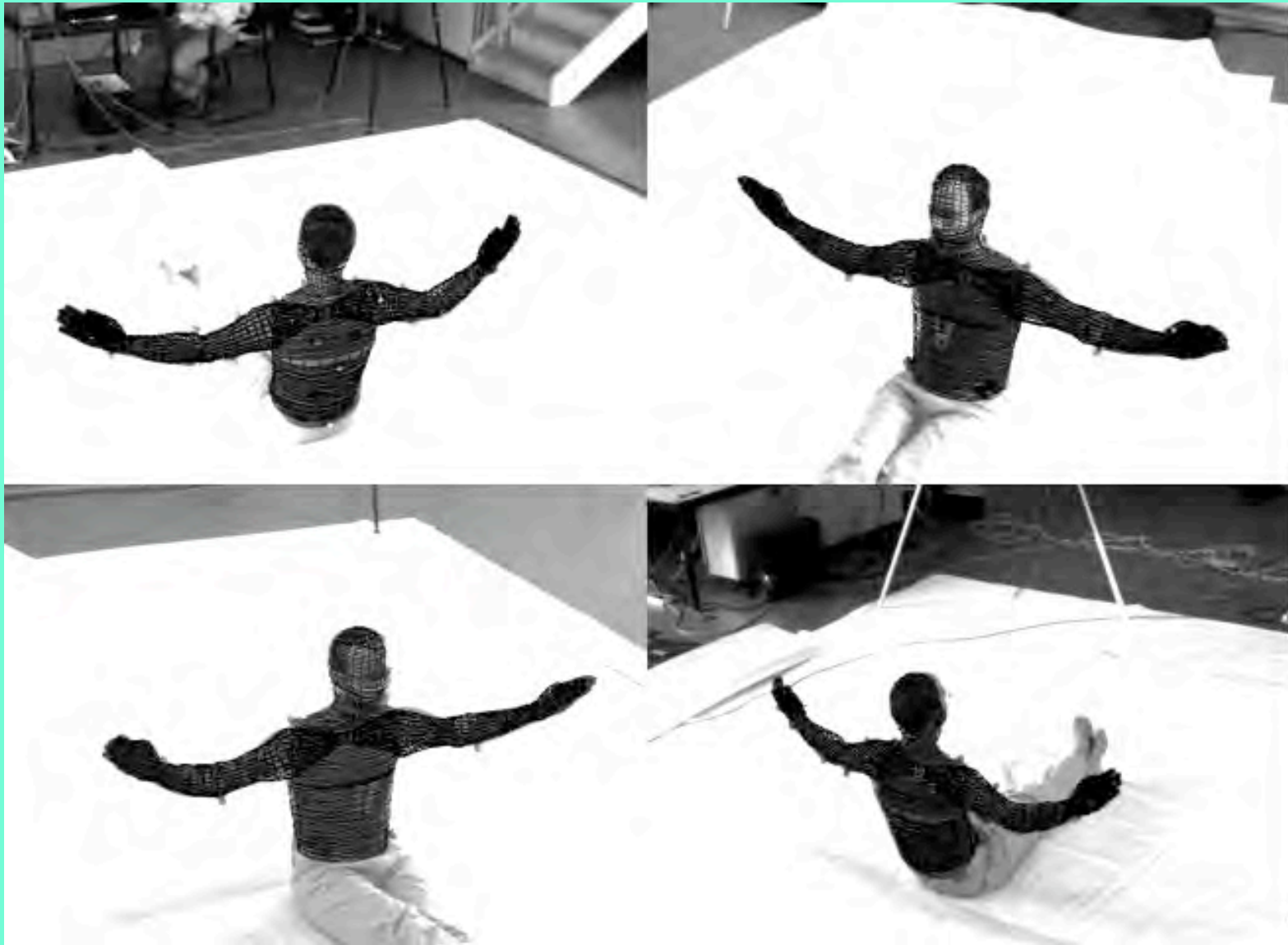




Left to left etc. - also after occlusion

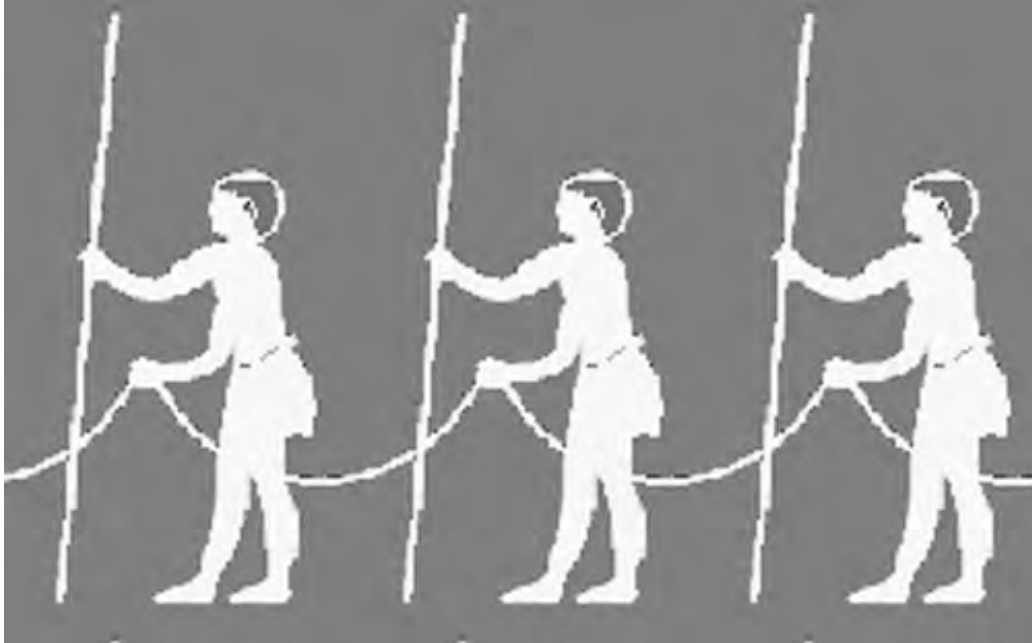


Position and motion of occluded body parts, 21 DoFs



Clipping, occlusion, and all 21 DoFs

# Distance Measurement



ancient Egyptian surveyors  
(harpedonapata = "rope-stretcher")

used ropes and knots, tied at pre-determined intervals, to measure distances

# Laser Range Finder



1960: original lab set-up  
for the ruby laser

*the first laser range finder (LRF):*

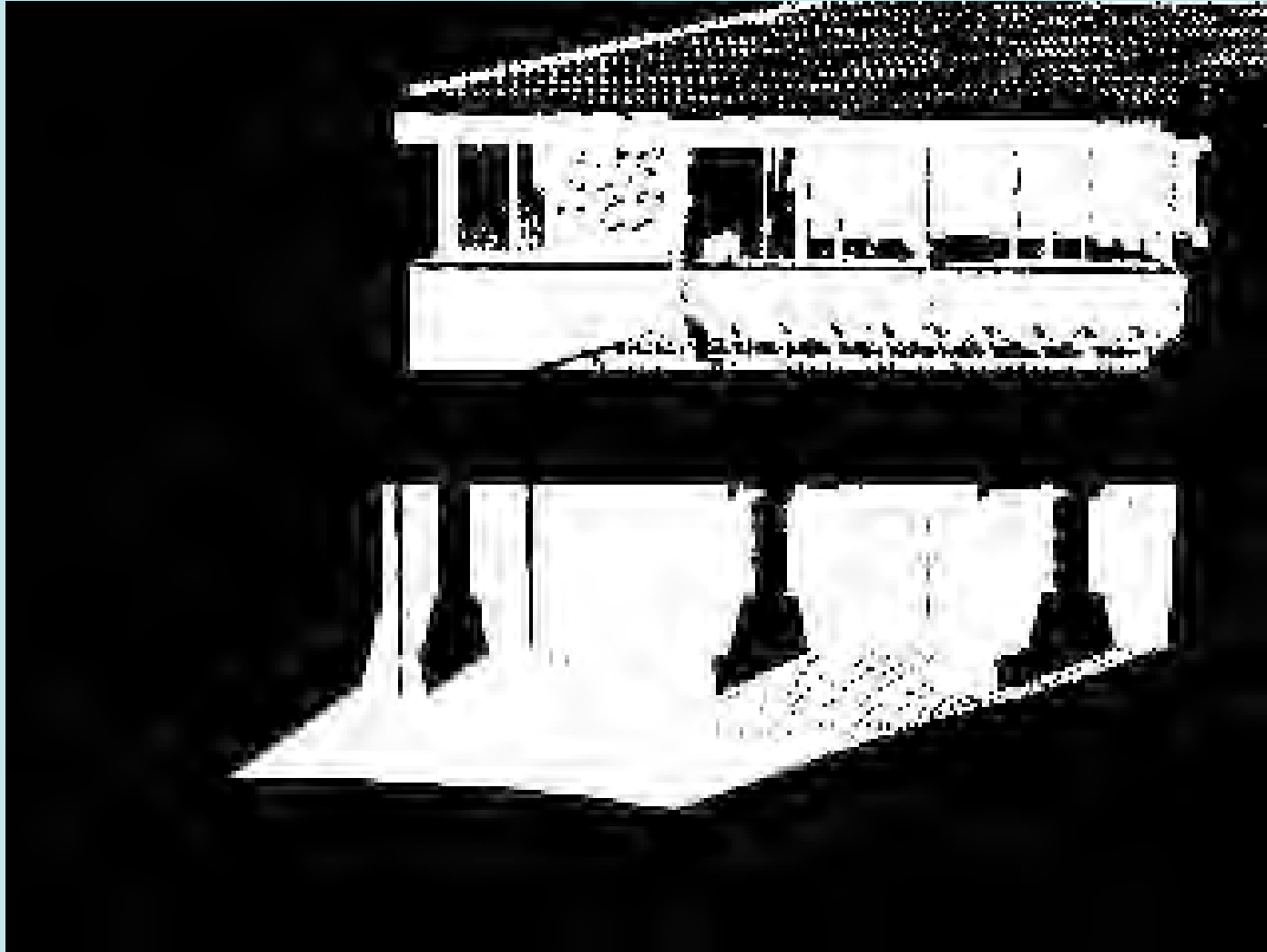
it used ruby lasers and was demonstrated  
less than a year after the laser's discovery  
in 1960 at Hughes (time-of-flight LRFs)



2005: laser scanner CyraX 2500

with build-in color camera

Animated raw data: cloud of 3D points, single viewpoint  
building of CITR, Tamaki campus





# Phase-Difference LRFs

allow to measure accurate range values as well as intensity (gray) values.

example (data as by producer):



	LARA25200	LARA53500
Distance up to ...	25.2m	53.5m
Error in range data	< 3mm	< 5 mm
Data acquisition rate:	< 625 Mpx/sec.	< 500 Mpx/sec.
Laser output power (CW)	22 mW	32mW
Laser wavelength:	780 nm	
Beam divergence:	0.22 mrad	
Laser safety class:	3R (DIN EN 60825-1)	
Field of view vertical:	310°	
Field of view horizontal:	360°	

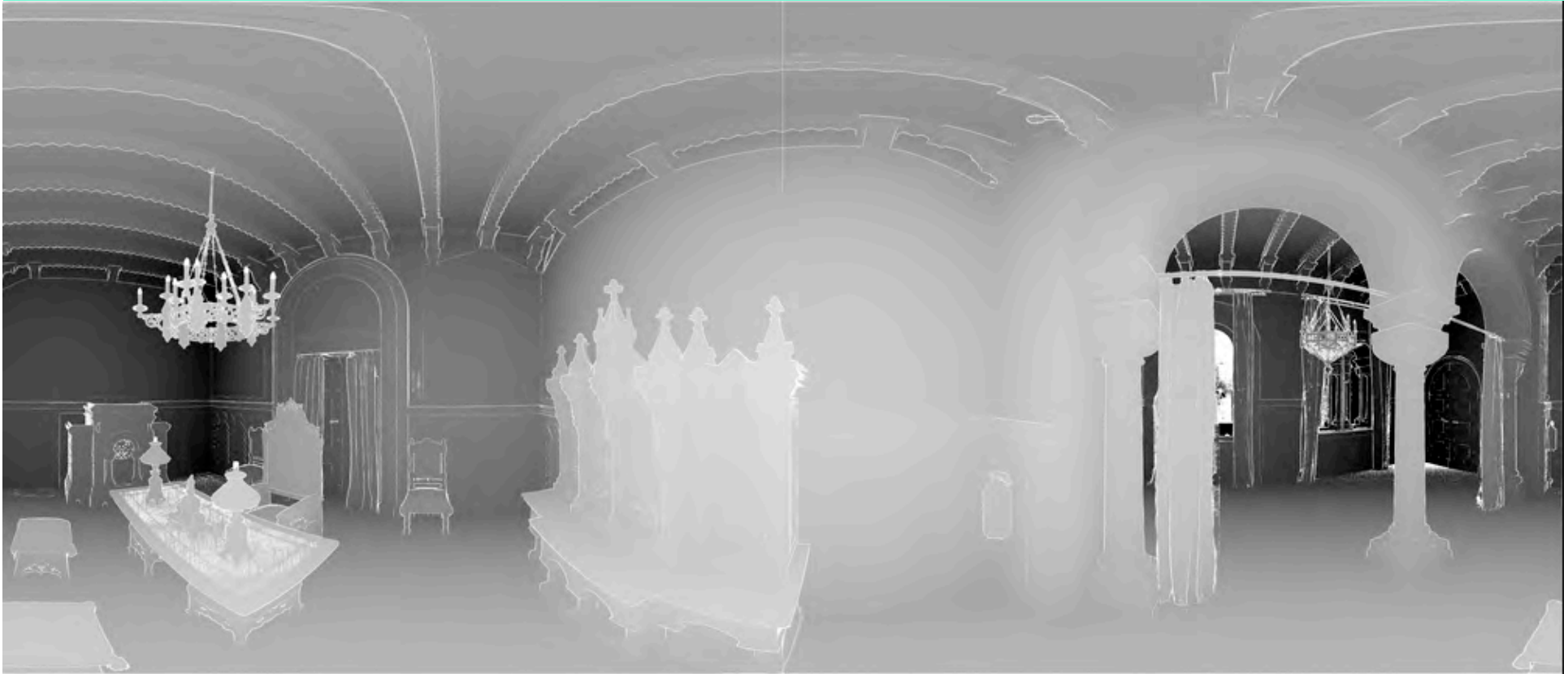


2001: intensity data, castle Neuschwanstein, Bavaria, Germany  
Leica HDS 4500



## Intensity data

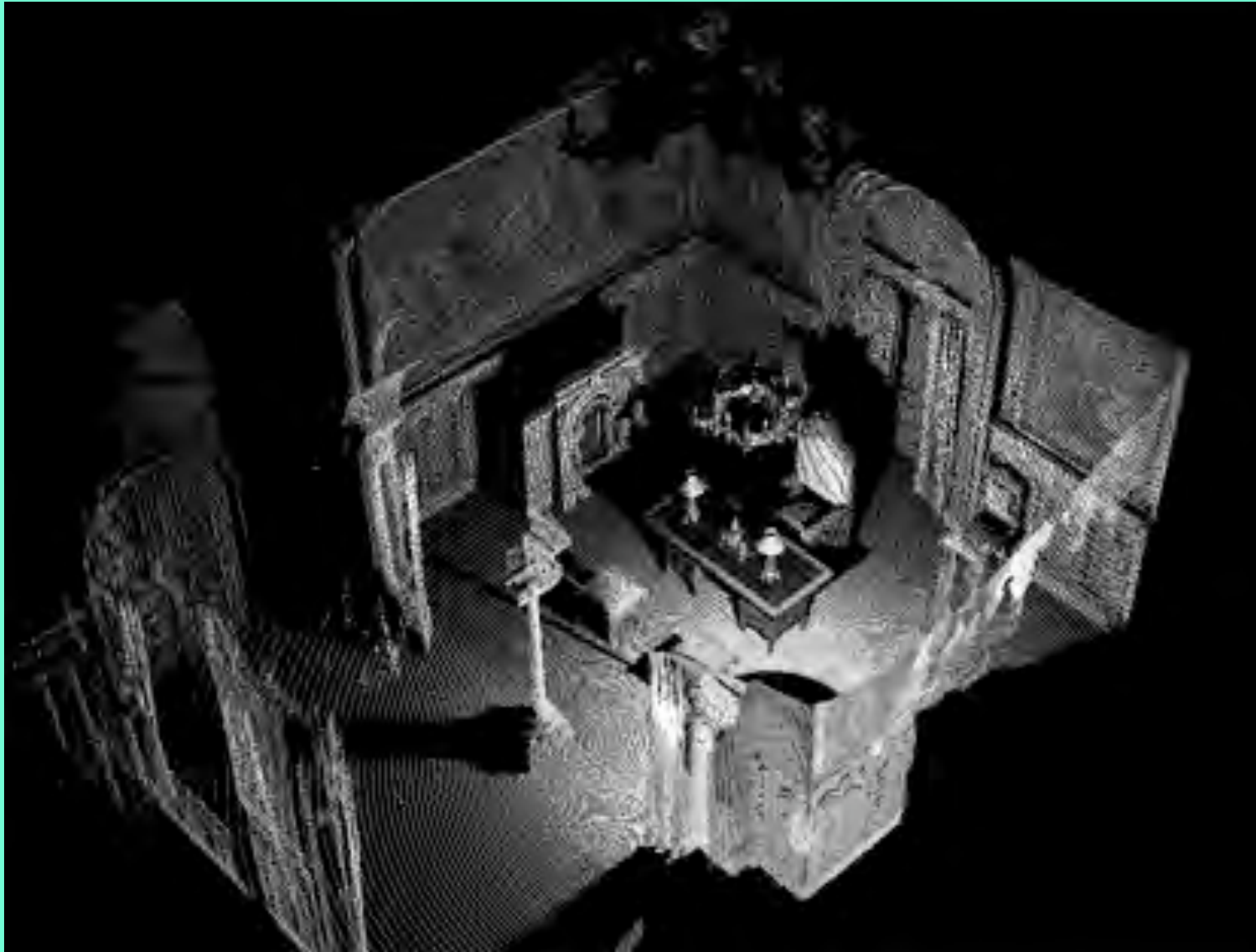
DLR & CTR (K. Scheibe)



## Range data

DLR & CTR (K. Scheibe)

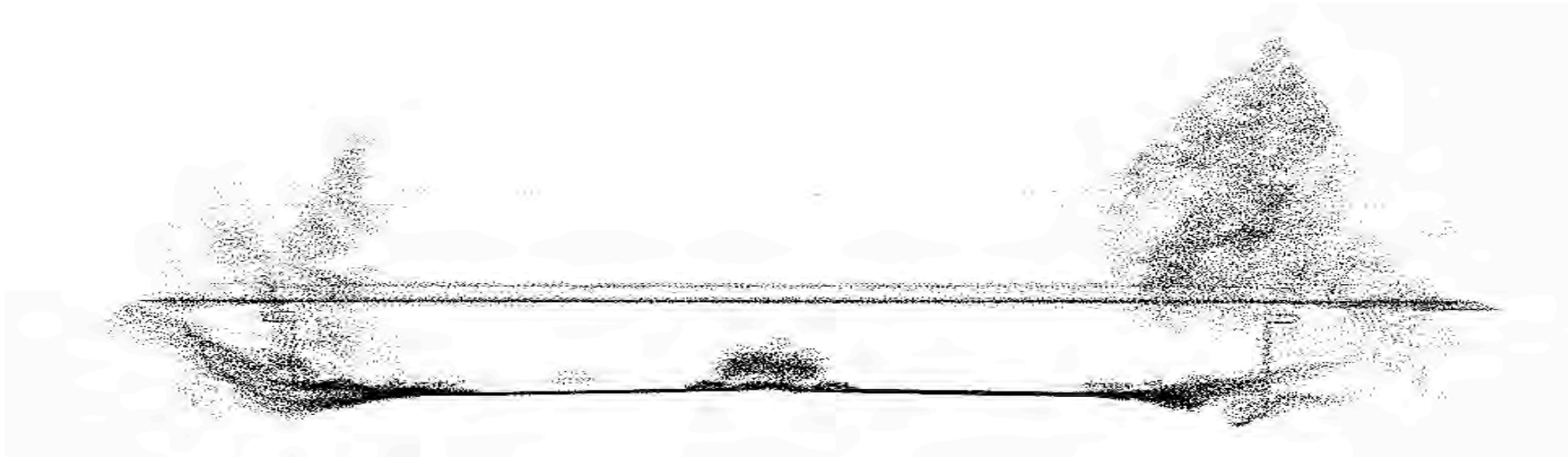
# Office of King Ludwig in castle Neuschwanstein



# City Center Modeling

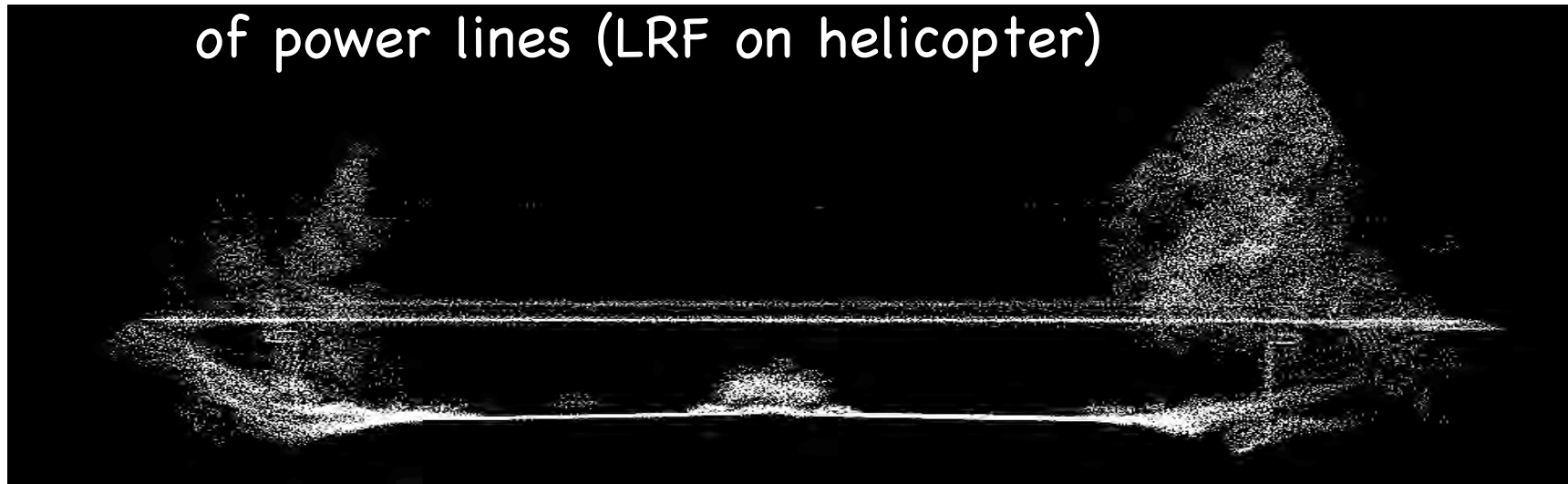


1999: Karlsruhe, laser range finder on airplane



2004: elevation detection

of power lines (LRF on helicopter)



# Aerial Photography, Remote Sensing, Photogrammetry



1906: San Francisco in ruins  
aerial photograph by George R. Lawrence





# Digital Modular Camera (DMC)

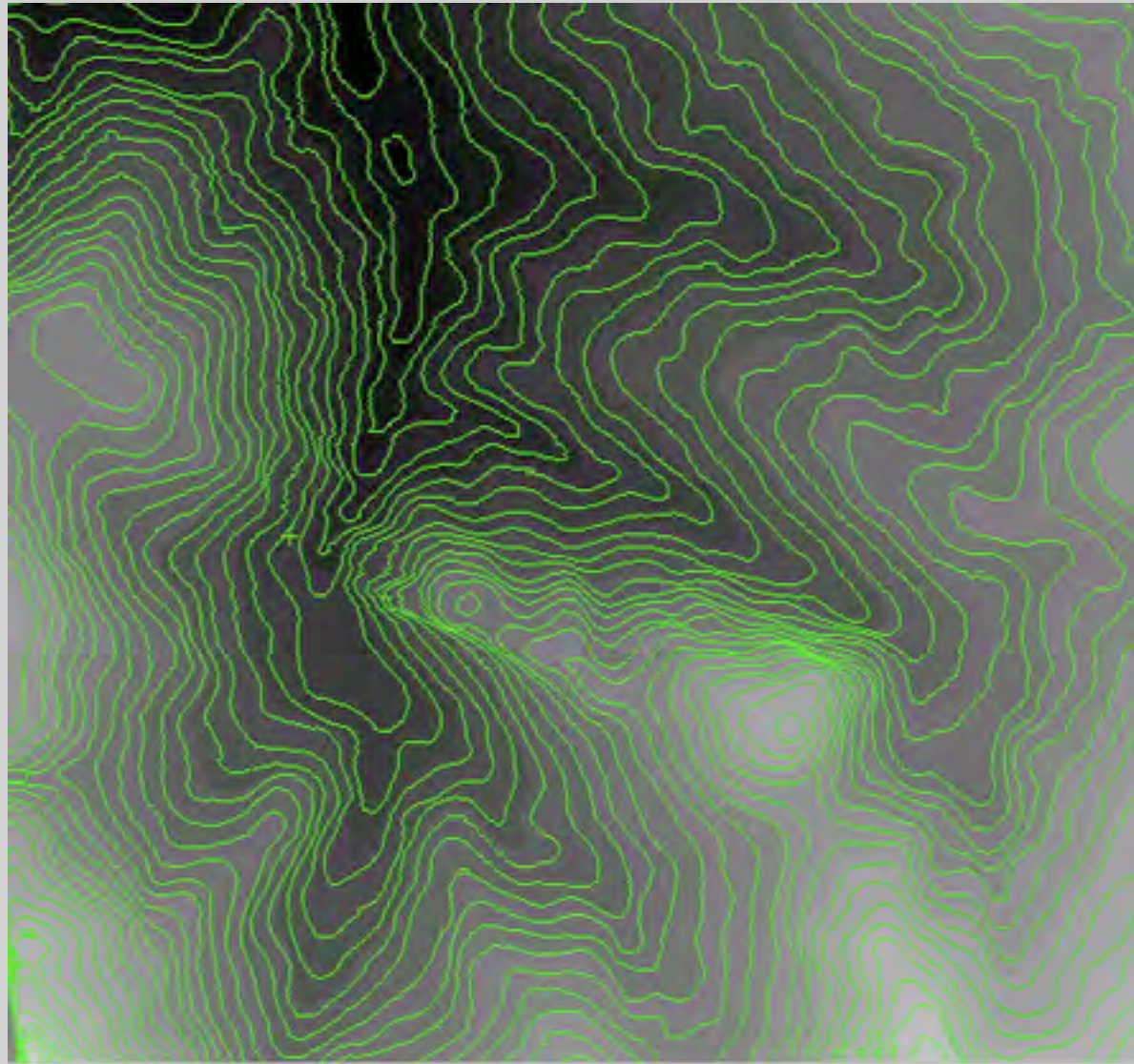


2001: 7k x 4k panchromatic images (4 CCD matrix cameras)  
3k x 2k RGB images

## Automated Stereo Analysis in Computer Vision

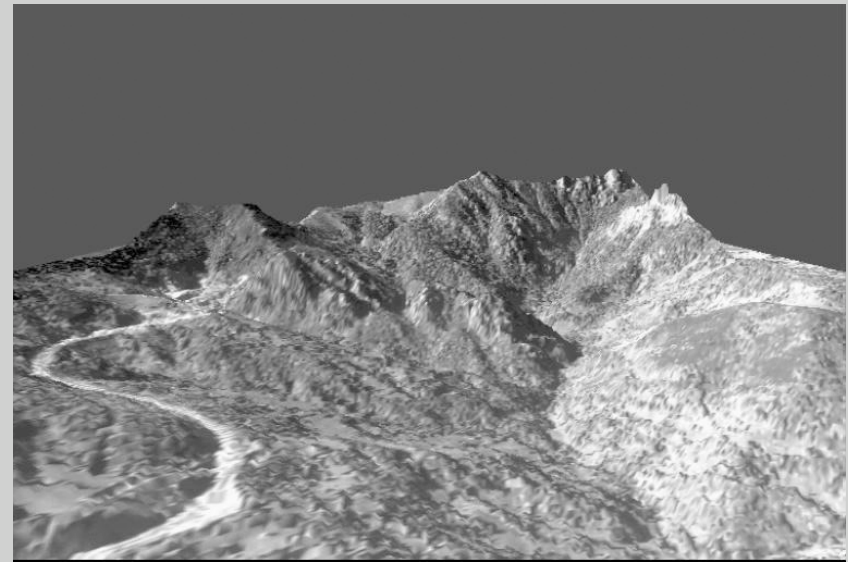
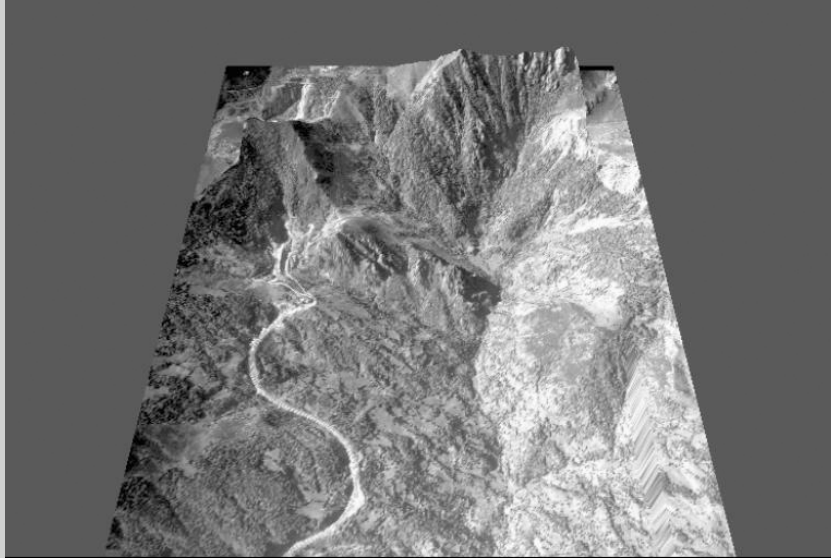


**1997:** mountains in Nepal  
left and right image of a stereo pair

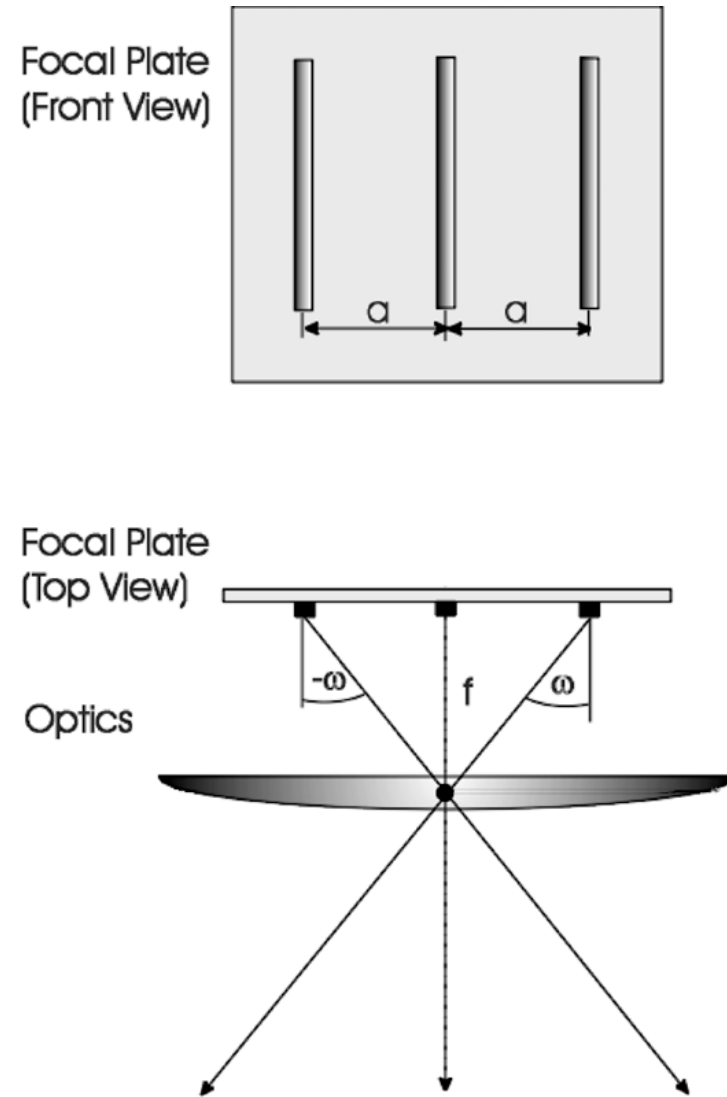


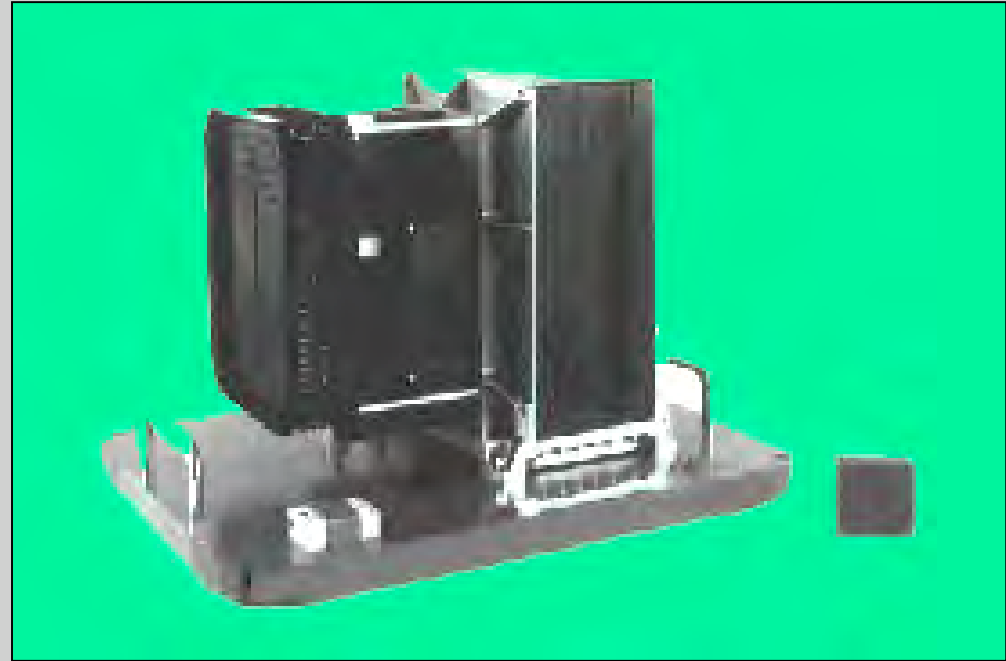
**1997:** automatic generation of DEM, illustrated by isolines

# 3D Animation of DEM



# Digital Line Cameras for Remote Sensing





**1998:** *WAAC (Wide Angle Airborne Camera)*

1 m GSD (*ground sample distance*) at  
3,000 m height

3 lines: backward, nadir, forward

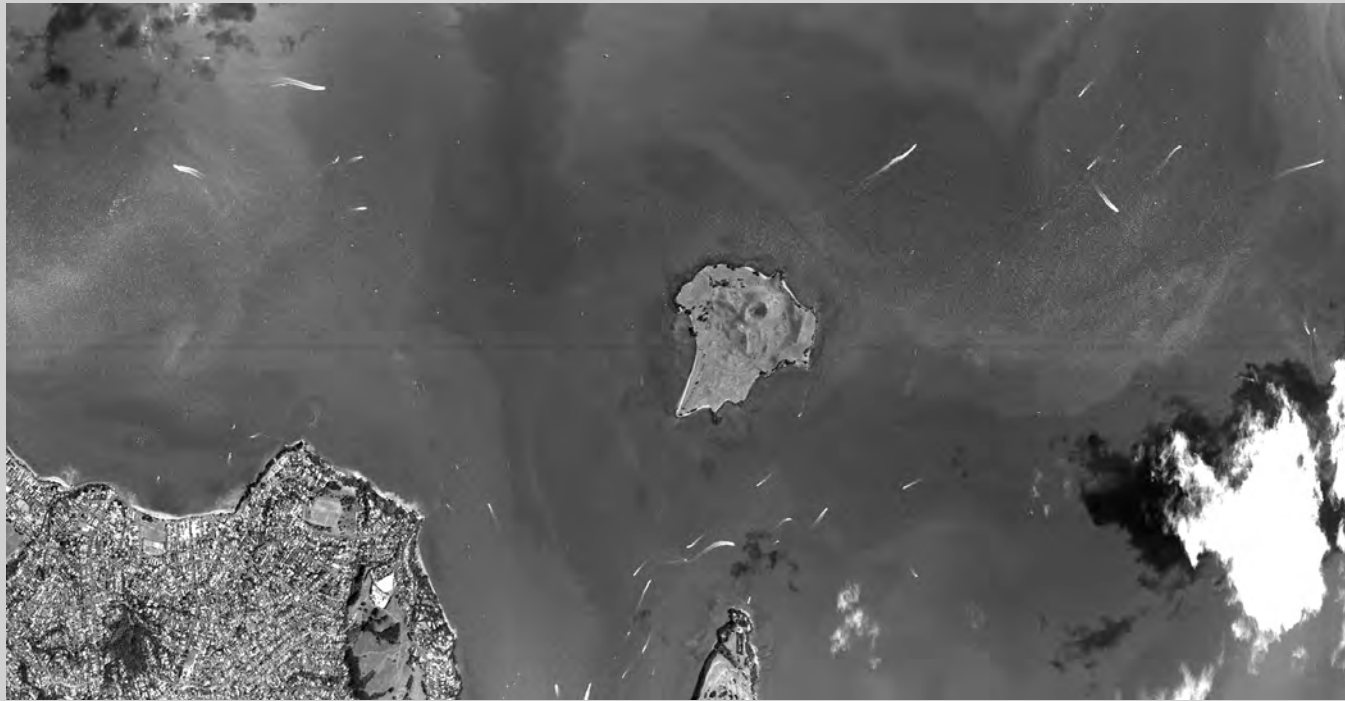
each line 5k pixel, grey values only

# 2001: WAAC flight campaign in Auckland

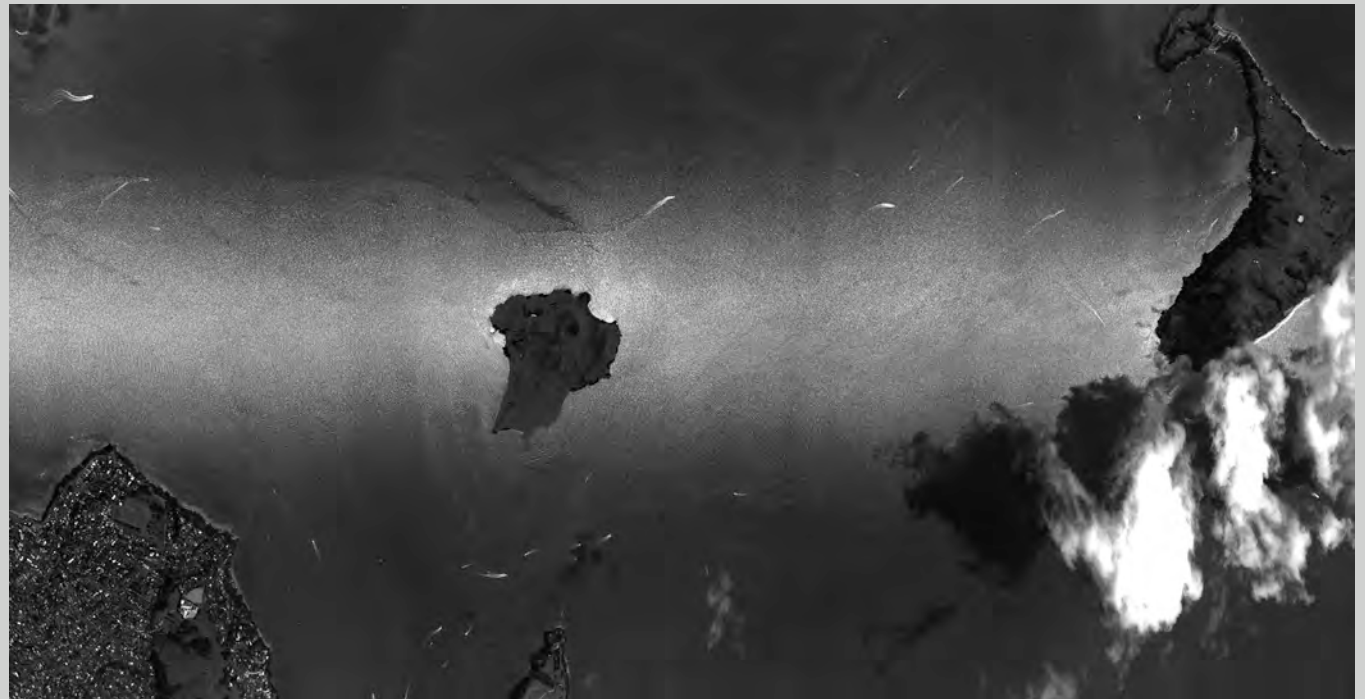


*NZ Aerial Mapping Ltd*





Nadir image

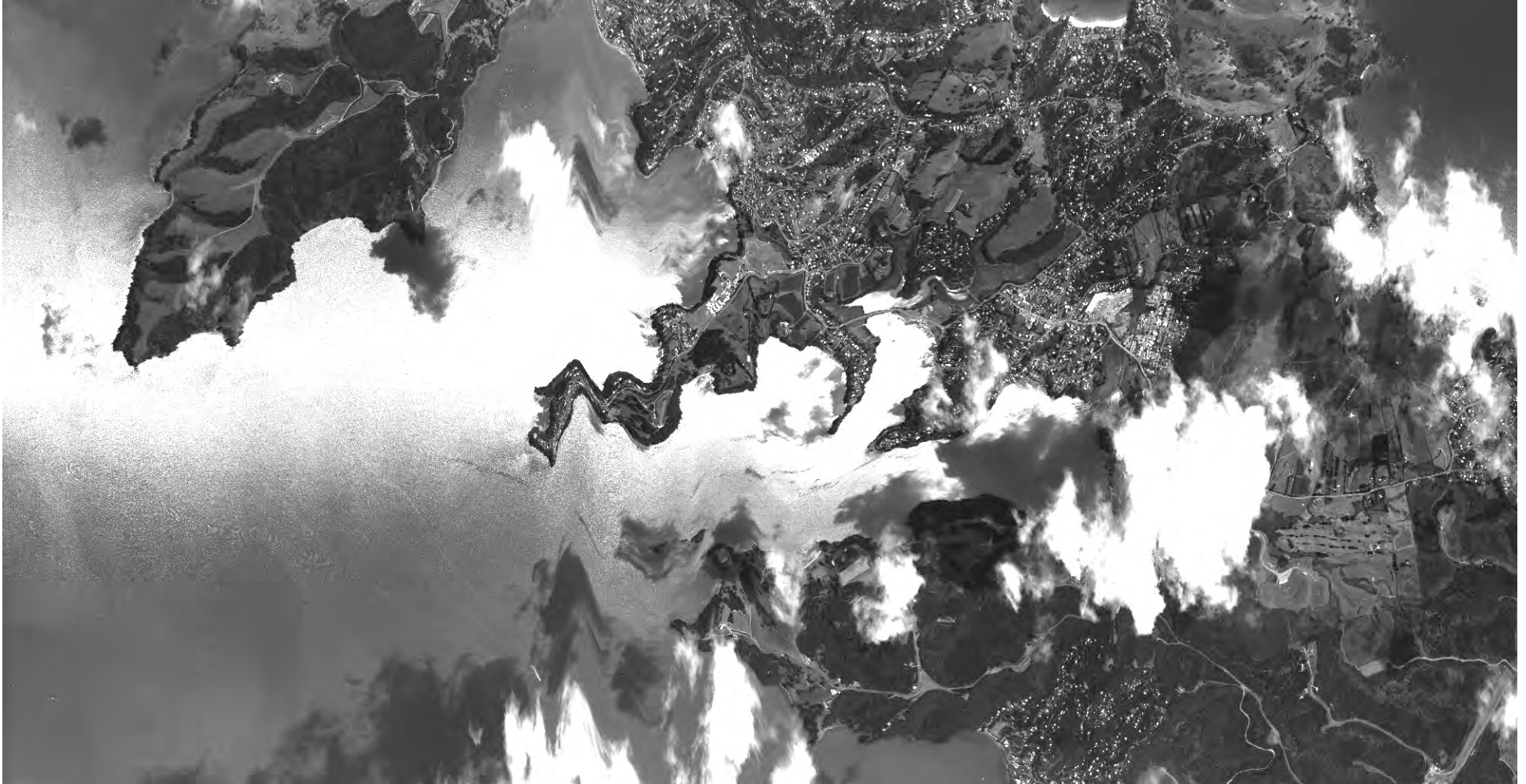


Backward image

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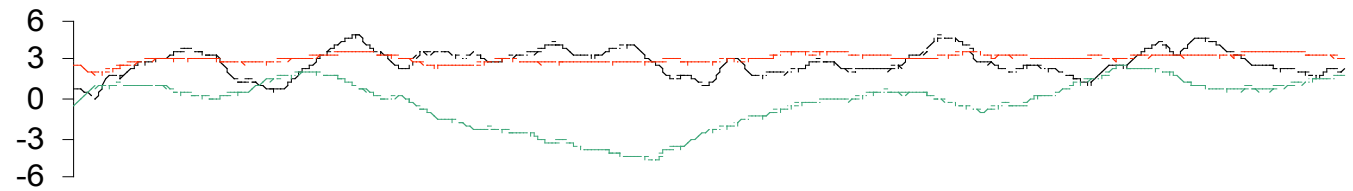


# nadir channel without rectification





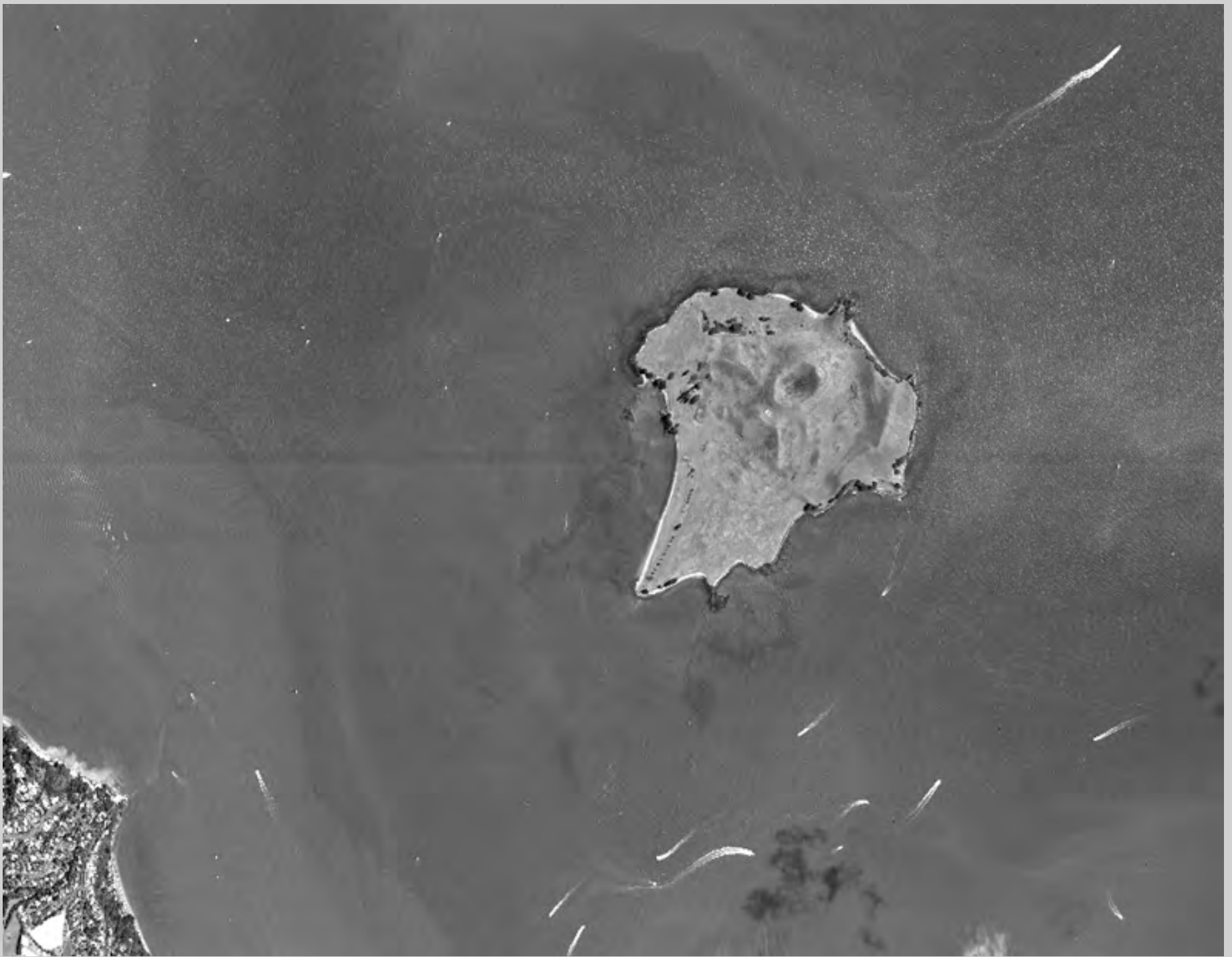
Inertial  
Measurement  
Unit (IMU)



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DLR







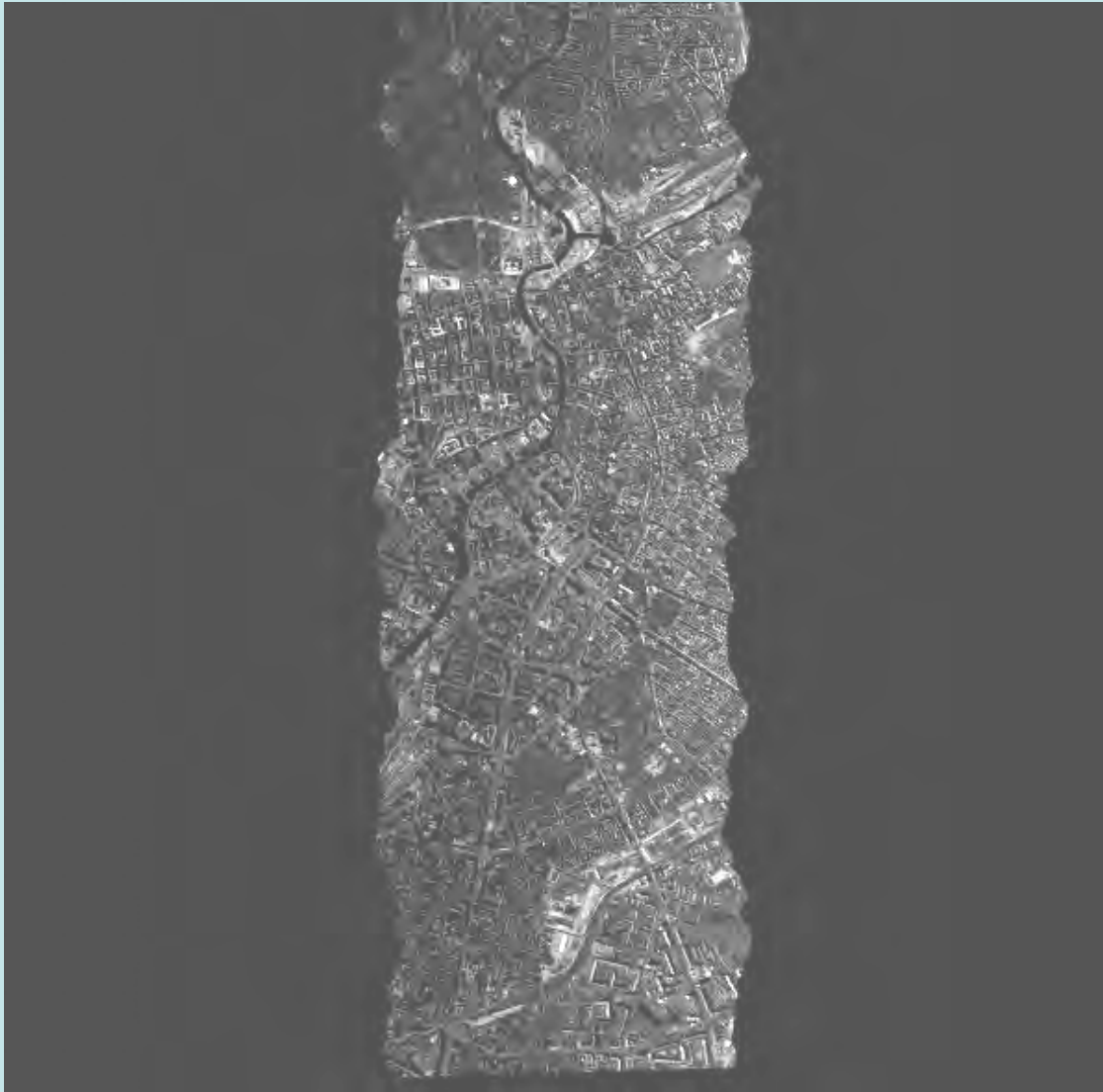
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## 2000: **ADS40** (airborne digital sensor)



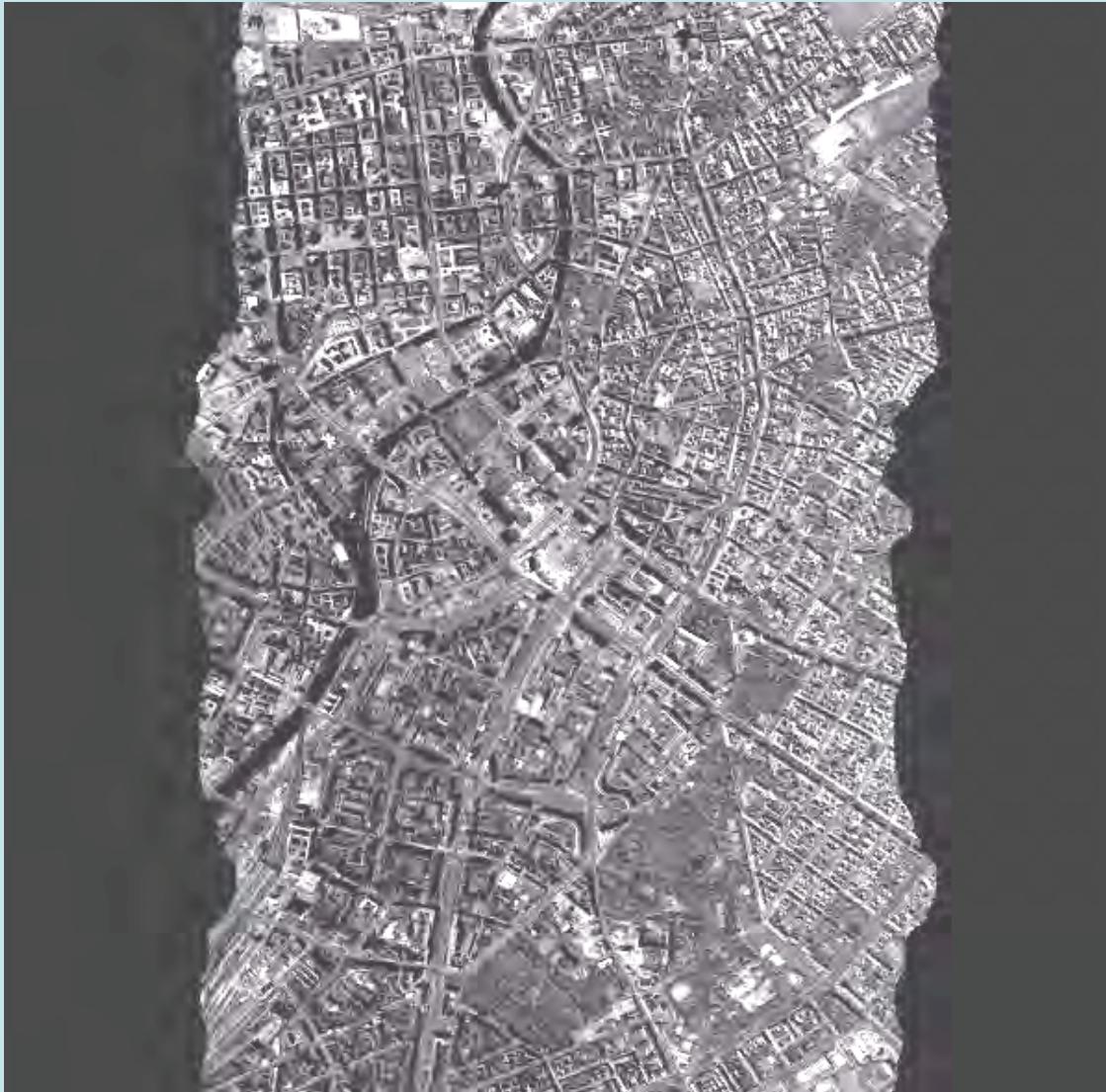
- 3 panchromatic CCD lines each  $2 \times 12,000$  pixels, staggered by  $3.25 \mu\text{m}$
- 4 multispectral CCD lines, each 12,000 pixels
- pixel size:  $6.5 \mu\text{m} \times 6.5 \mu\text{m}$
- field of view (FoV) or swath angle:  $64^\circ$
- focal length: 62.77 mm
- stereo angles:  $14^\circ, 28^\circ, 42^\circ$



2000: ADS40  
Berlin-Alexanderplatz  
1:70,000

Elevation: 3,000 m  
GSD  $\approx$  25 cm





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**Berlin-  
Alexanderplatz**

**1:500**

## End of 2004: **CCD lines**

Manufacturer	Model	Photopixel	Size [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]
Atmel	TH7834	12,000	6.5 × 6.5
Atmel	customise	2 × 12,000	6.5 × 6.5
EEV	CCD21-40	12,288	8 × 8
KODAK	KLI-10203	3 × 10,200	7 × 7
KODAK	KLI-14403	3 × 14,204	5 × 5
Fairchild Imaging	CCD194	12,000	10 × 8.5
SONY	ILX734K	3 × 10,500	8 × 8



# 2005: Aerial photography, Remote Sensing

- navigation in realtime based on GPS
- flight management systems, IMUs
- camera systems are either
  - analog cameras
    - high precision optics
    - film of large format
    - automatic camera shutter
  - or digital sensors, such as
    - digital cameras
    - laser scanners
    - SAR (synthetic aperture radar)

# Panoramic Imaging



Dwelling in the Fu-ch'un Mountains

Painted by Huang Kungwang during 1347-1350

Yuan Dynasty / handscroll / ink on paper, 33 x 639.9 cm

# Digital Line Cameras for Panoramic Imaging



1995: Gendarmenmarkt, Berlin  
panoramic image (5,184 x 9,425 pixel), WAAC on tripod

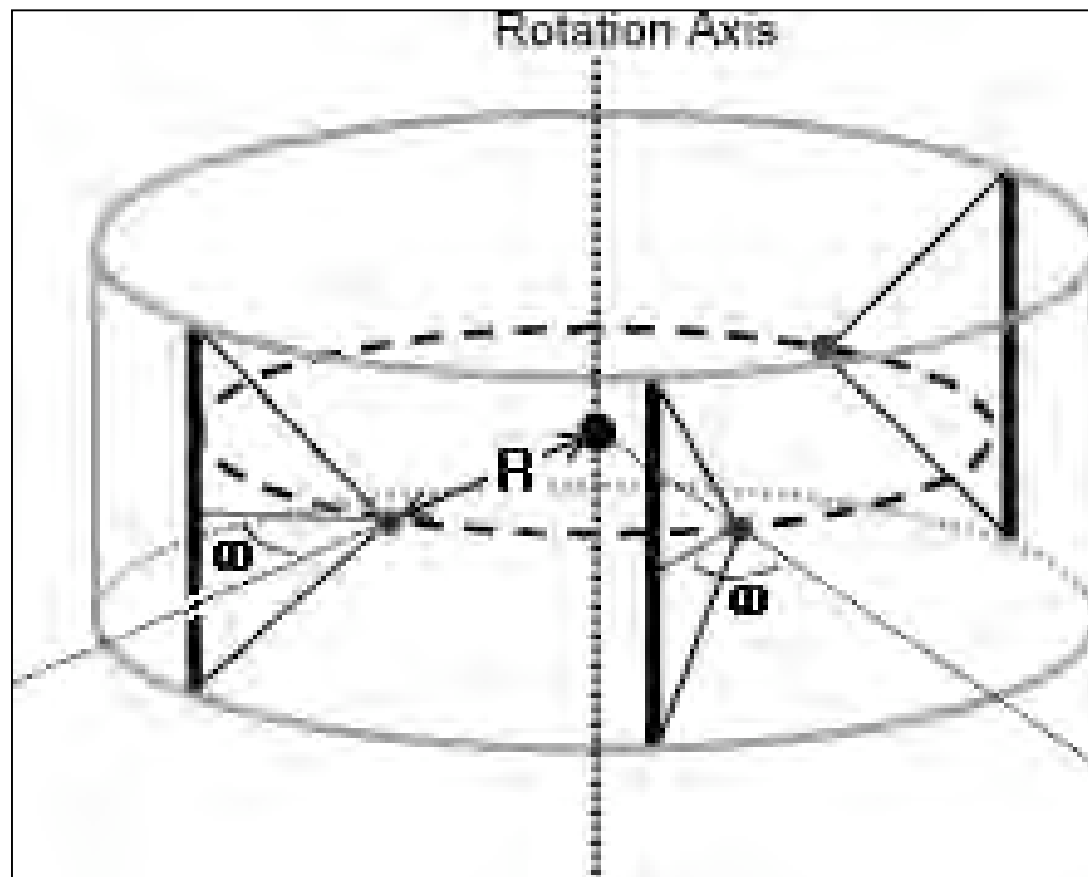


**2001:** 3.5 GByte on image, would be 4 m x 25 m at 72 pixels per inch



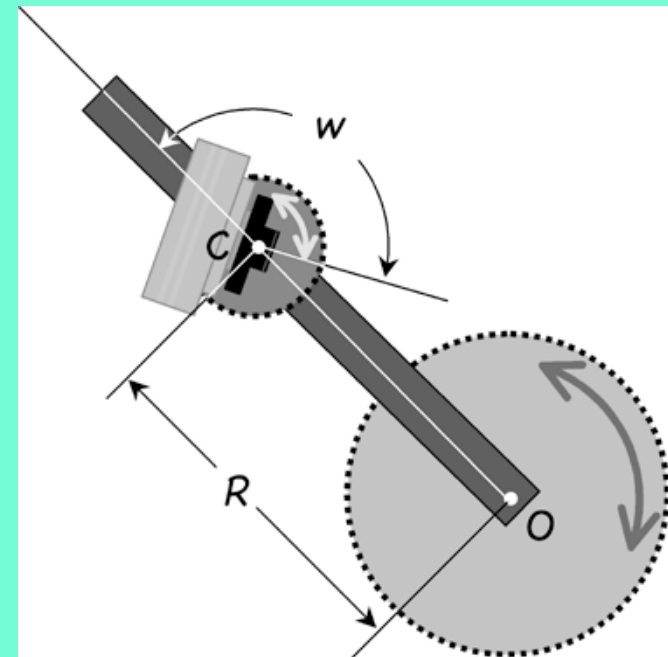
Detail  
of this  
panorama

Digital Line  
Cameras  
for **Stereo**  
Panoramic  
Imaging

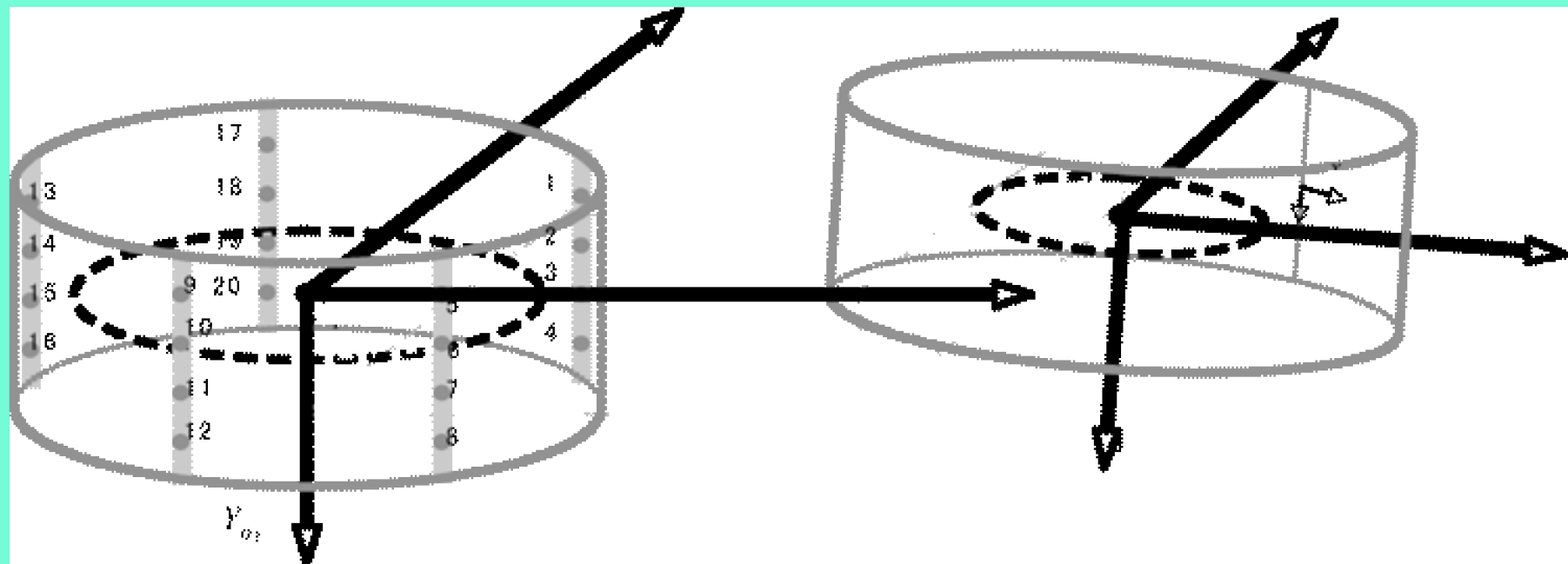




2001-2002:  
rotating line camera (DLR),  
design of stereo mode (CITR)



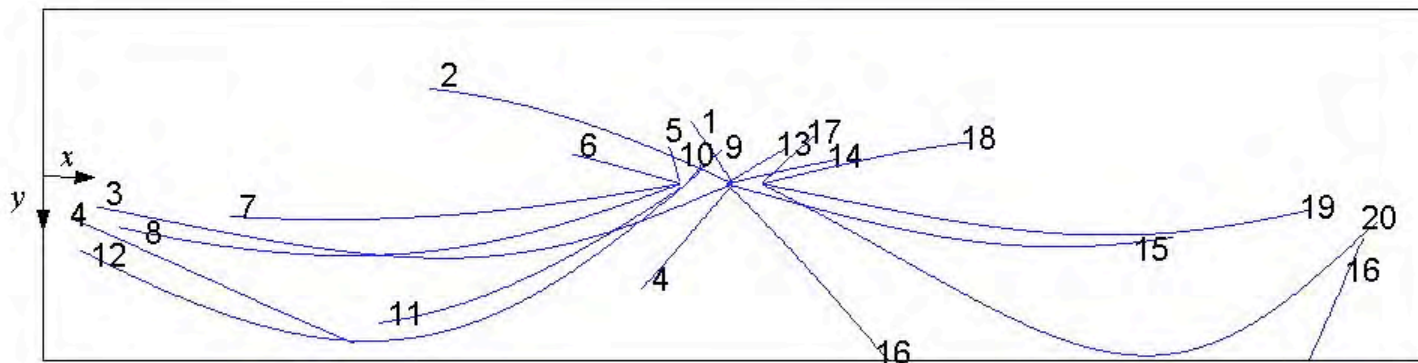
# Epipolar Geometry



# Coordinates of Corresponding Point

in second image (defining epipolar curves)

$$y_d = \frac{f_d Y}{X \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x_d}{W_d} + \omega_d\right) + Z \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x_d}{W_d} + \omega_d\right) - R_d \cos \omega_d}$$



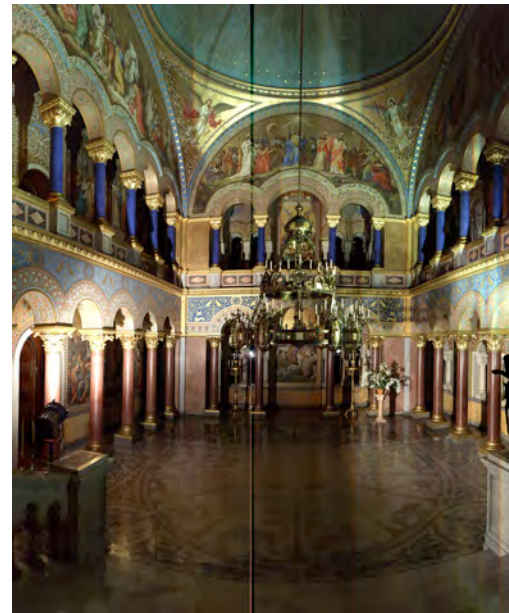


# LASER SCANNER + PANORAMAS

range data

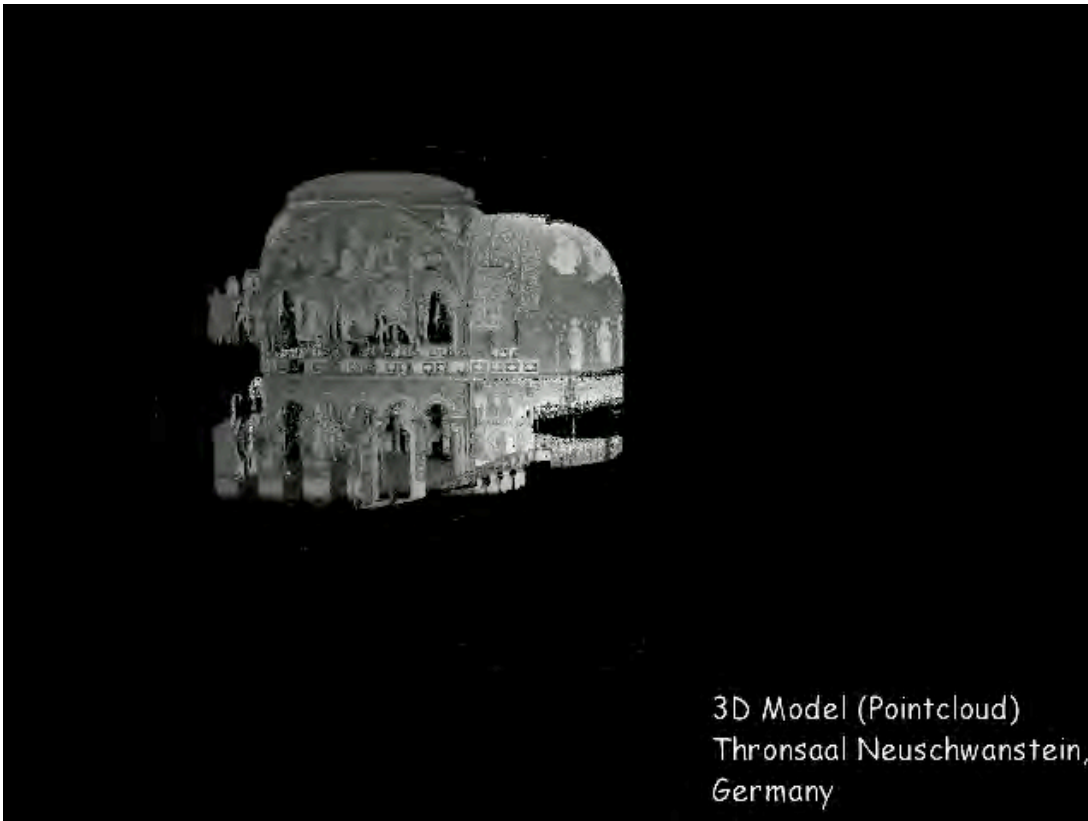


fusion of range data  
and color texture





360 degree panorama



**Image acquisition:** LRF for range data, panorama camera for color

**Calibration:** view-dependent coordinate systems into local coordinates

**Fusion:** transformation of LRF and camera data into world coordinates

Preliminary result: a (colored) point cloud in world coordinates

**Triangulation / Meshing:** map 3D points into a *digital surface model* (DSM)

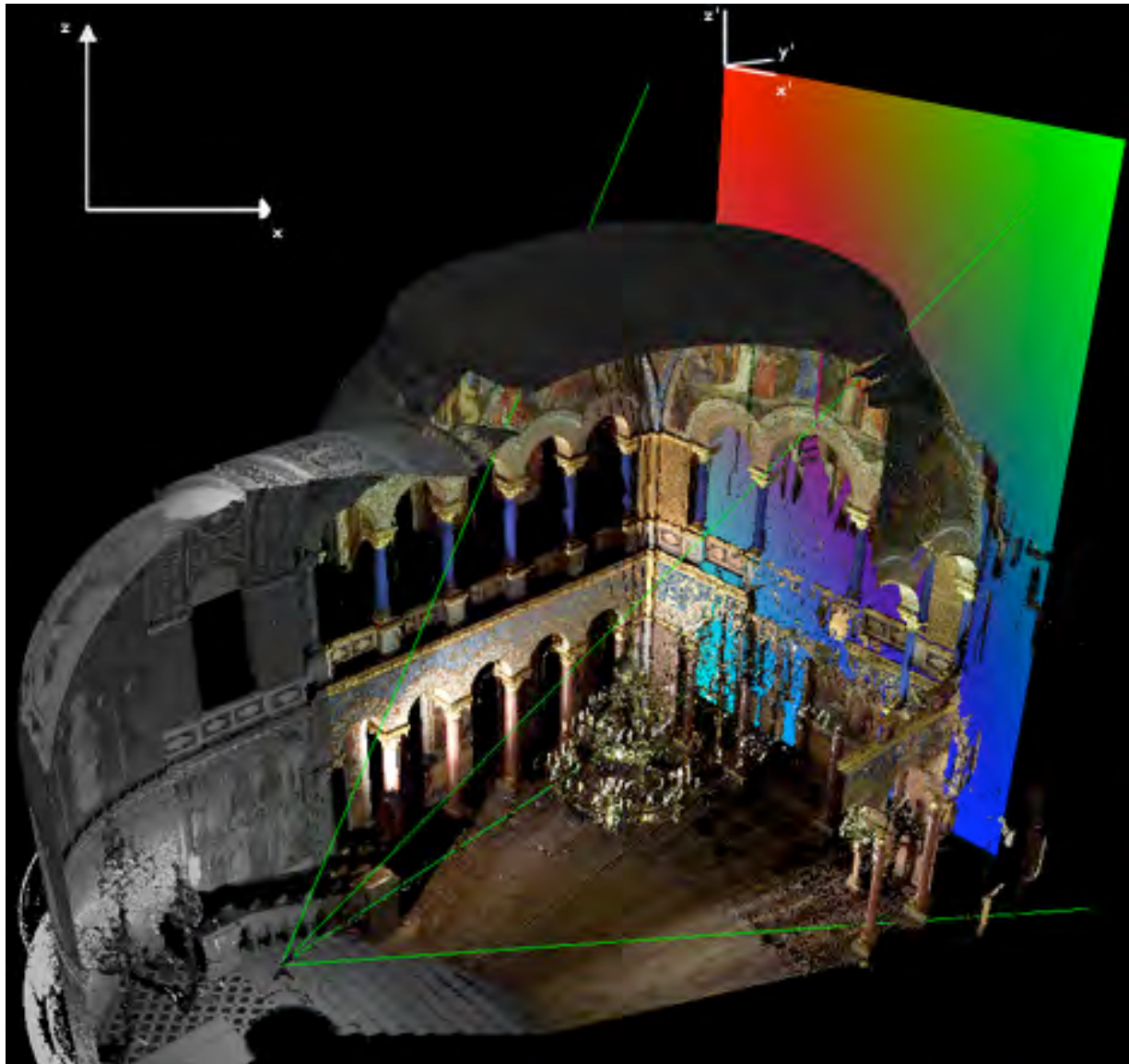
**Optimization:** reduce complexity of the DSM, eliminate noise

**Texture mapping:** map panoramic color data onto the DSM

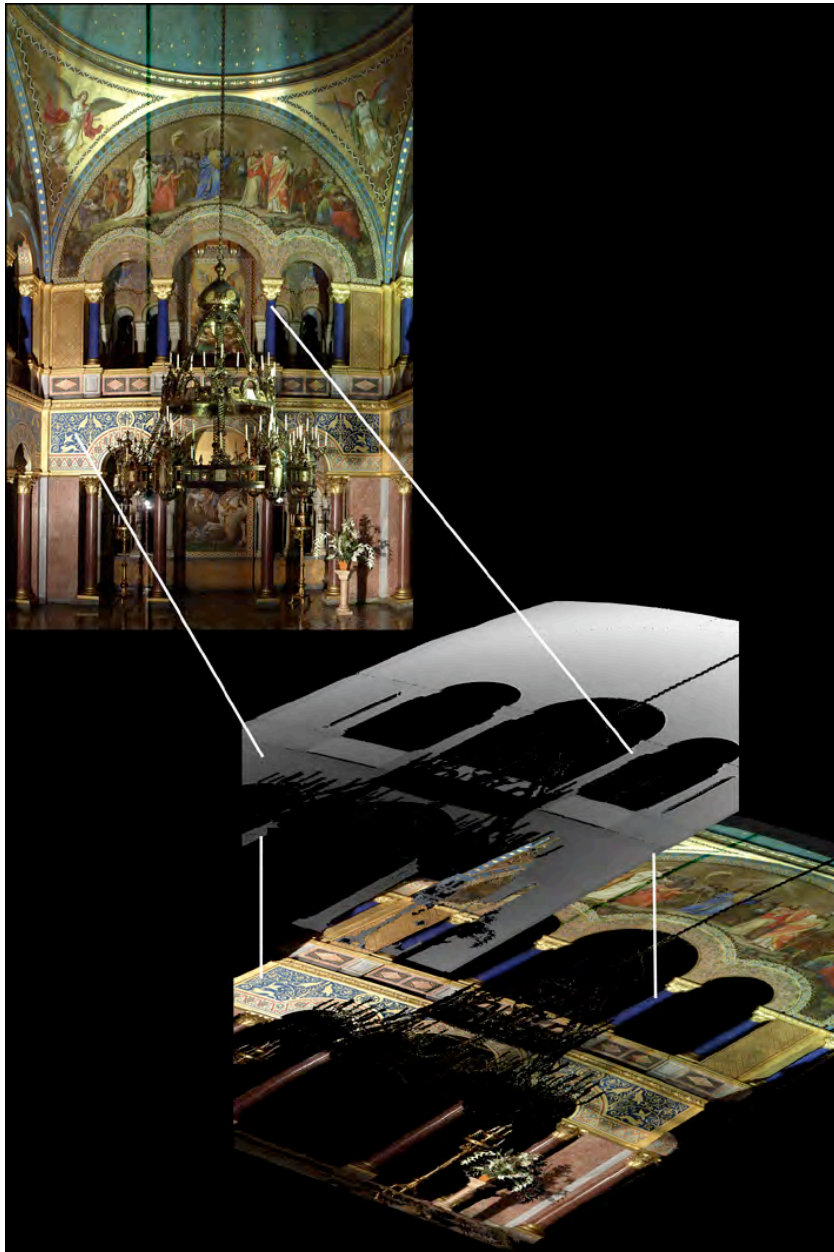
Result: a colored DSM (within accuracy limitations)

Possible: 3D measurements, cuttings, orthophotos

3D visualization (e.g., for virtual reality applications)



Orthoplane ("behind" colored DSM)

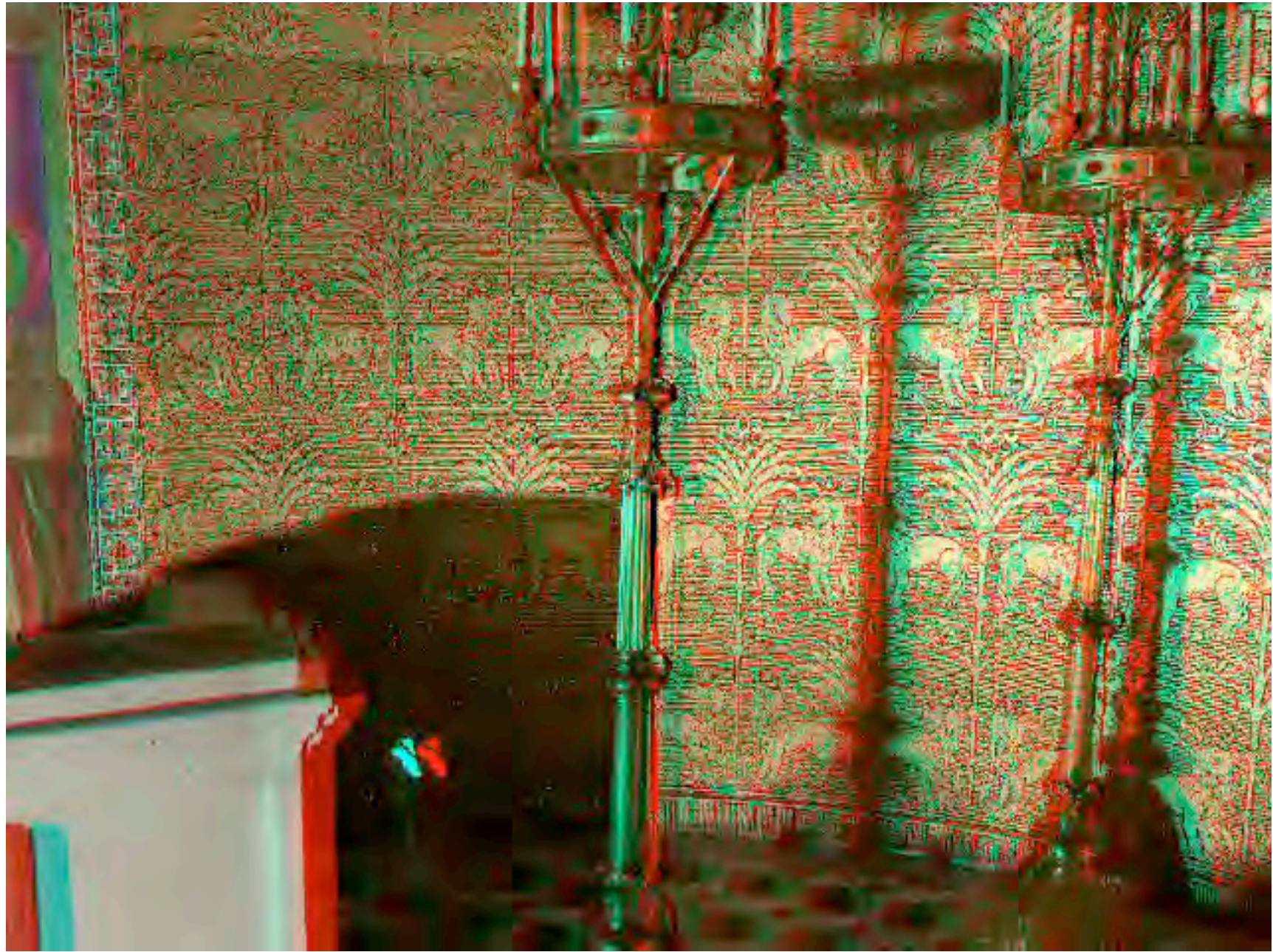


1. Projection of DSM (visible triangles) into a defined orthoplane

2. Mapping of corresponding camera data onto this projected DSM



Orthophoto



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# CONCLUSIONS

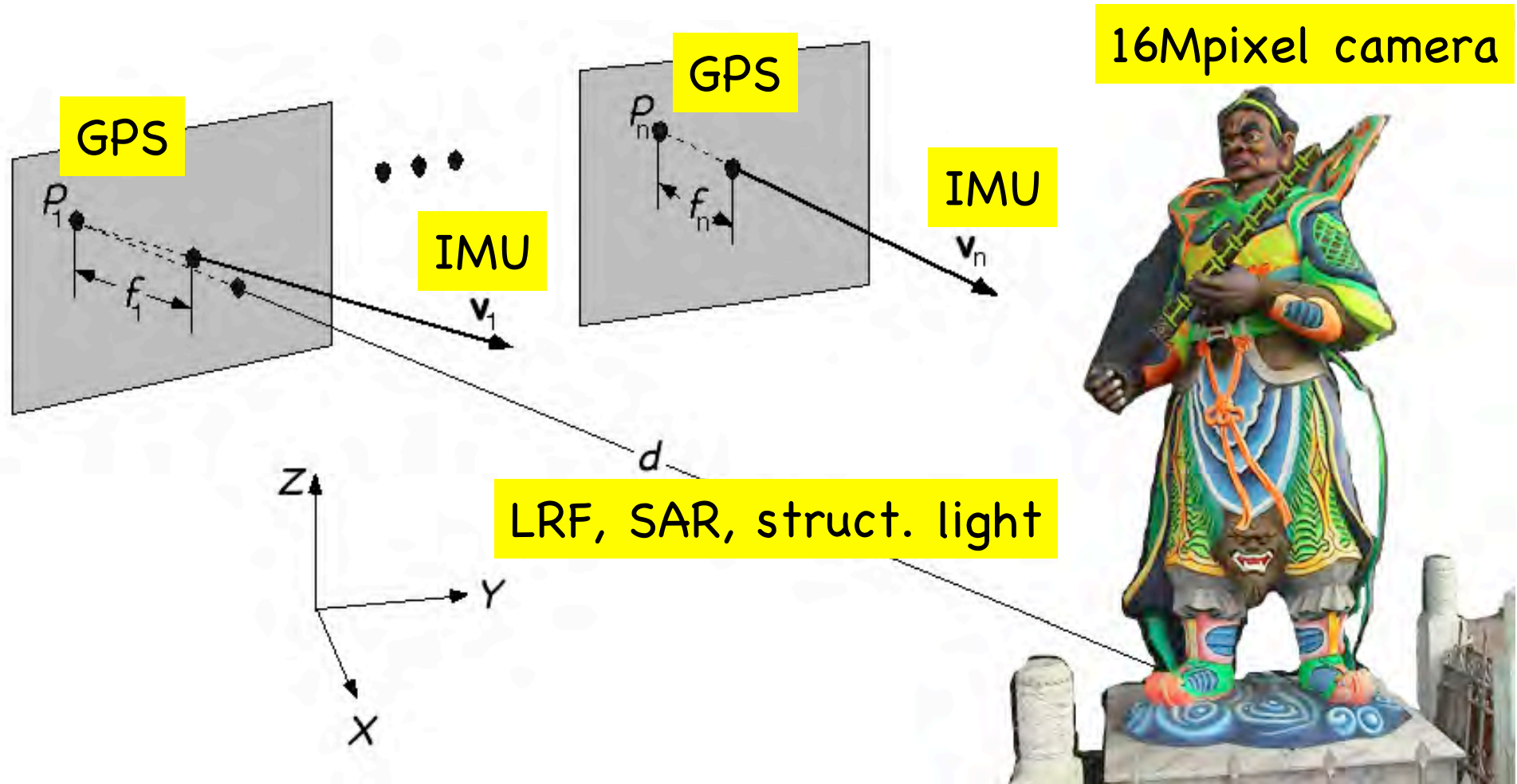


# 2005: we arrived at the "Multi-Sensor World"

cameras ----- for capturing textures

LRF, SAR, struct. Light, etc. ----- for distances

GPS or IMU ----- for position and orientation





Today's picture resolution asks for new approaches:

How to visualize a multi-GB picture on a screen?

Focused image analysis instead of full scans.

....

(image analysis and computer vision in the  
"post-512x512-thumbnails imaging area")

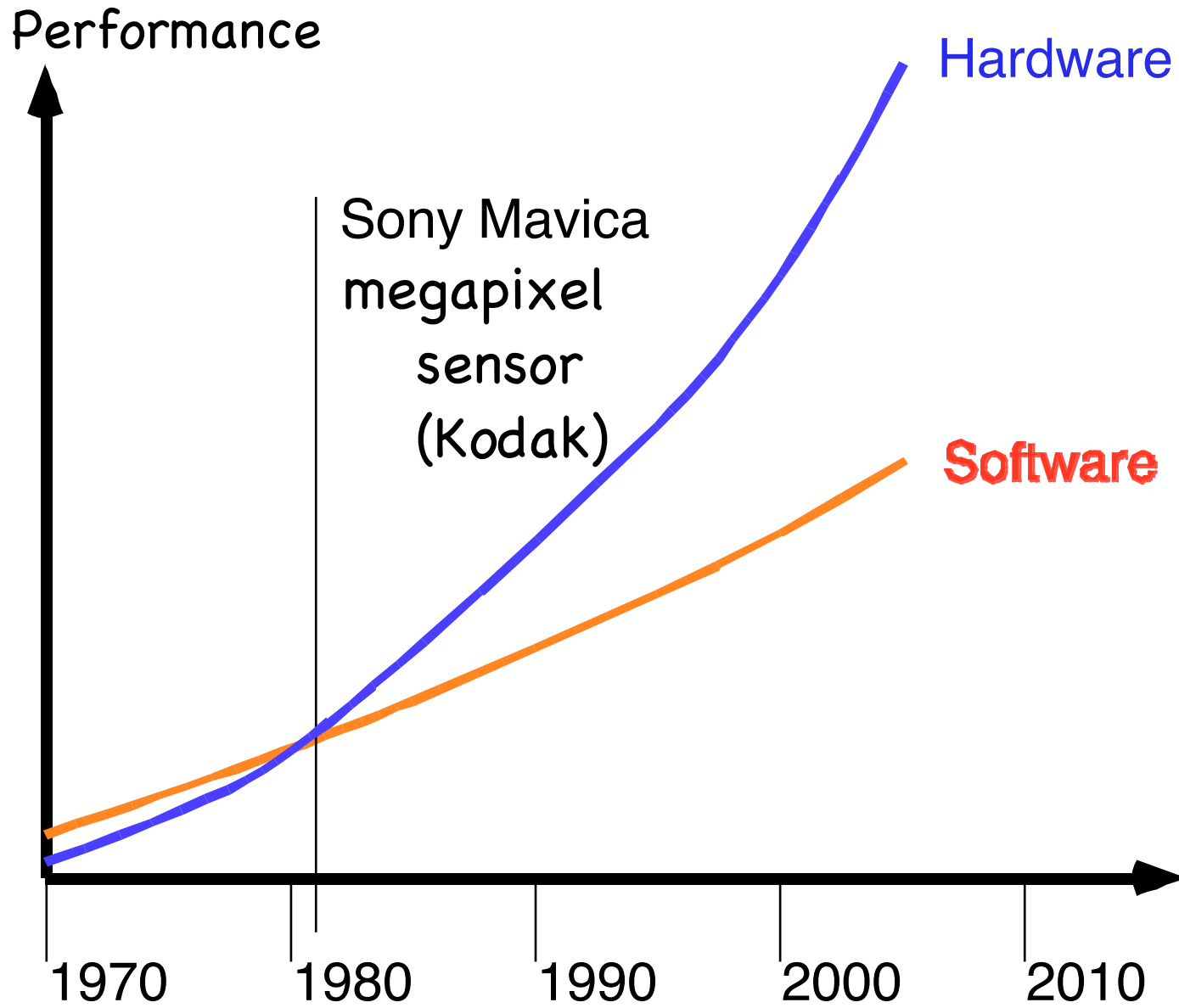
- 3D modeling in 'traditional' photogrammetry, remote sensing and computer vision:

steady and solid progress over the years, where success in applications decides about the success of a method, not the academic challenge

- Recently we experience a dramatic increase in available high-quality digital data,  
including LRF, SAR, GPS, IMU data:

These (new) tools will change the face of 3D modeling (paradigm shift) towards the use and the integration of these sensors, and towards unified methods in photogrammetry, remote sensing, and computer vision

- Special sensors for modeling dynamic 3D shape?
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**The END**

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